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Bethel Pathway now connects Davis Park directly to North Rd.

By MICHAEL DANIELS

There's been visible progress on the ground recently in the ongoing effort to expand the Bethel area's inventory of recreational trails.

And there has also been significant behind-the-scenes work to ensure the long-term growth, sustainability and effectiveness of the local trails effort.

On the ground

Preliminary work is being completed this week on a new, 1,500-foot, section of trail that will complete the connection between Davis Park and the North Road.

The first section of that route, the recreational pathway through the former Bethel Station property, was completed in spring of 2002.

And late last year the new recreational bridge across the Androscoggin River was officially opened, connecting Davis Park with the far side of the river.

The new pathway extension picks up from there.

It winds back along the eastern side of the bridge, then turns under the bridge (and under Route 2), proceeding onto the property of the BIG Adventure Center.

From there the extended pathway follows the riverbank to the end of the BIG Adventure property, where it turns out to the North Road.

With the three current trail elements now in place, it is possible

for walkers, bicyclists, snowmobilers and others to travel between Davis Park and the North Road without having to cross the narrow and busy Route 2/26 highway bridge, and without having to navigate the sometimes daunting intersection that connects the North Road with the two state highways.

To construct the pathway ex-

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Special Town Meeting in Newry focuses on finances

By ALISON ALOISIO

Newry will hold a special Town Meeting Tuesday to consider taking \$106,942 from surplus to cover shortfalls and fund new items.

Selectmen approved the warrant at their regular meeting Monday.

Voters will act on eight articles (not counting election of a moderator) at the 7 p.m. meeting, to be held at the Town Office.

Article 2 proposes revisions to the town's Shoreland Zoning Ordinance.

Article 3 proposes appropriating \$46,078 from the Overlay Account and taking \$30,000 from Surplus to cover a tax

shortfall that resulted from an assessing error.

Explanation: Discounts on lots in The Peaks and Sunday River golf course subdivisions should have been credited to those properties, but were not, town officials said.

Article 4 proposes taking \$6,765 from Surplus to apply to the Grange Hall Improvement Account for new lighting needed for safety reasons.

Article 5 proposes to take \$6,687 from Surplus for the Fire Department Account, to cover costs for repairs to the Sunday River Fire Station.

Article 6 proposes \$1,489

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W'stock board seeks input on plowing Concord Pond Road

By ALISON ALOISIO

A public hearing has been scheduled for Dec. 18 on a proposal from Woodstock selectmen to begin plowing the Concord Pond Road.

Pond residents submitted a petition this fall requesting a four-mile section of the road be plowed. It has been informally plowed by various residents in the past, Town Manager Vern Maxfield said.

Residents want winter access to their camps for shoveling and security reasons, he said.

The idea has been discussed off and on for years, said Maxfield, and "it's a project whose time has come."

Selectmen have the authority to make the decision on plowing, but must hold a hearing.

Several pond residents attended Tuesday's selectmen's meeting to discuss the request.

Maxfield said he had not heard of anyone who was opposed to the idea. But he was at first hesitant to try to arrange a plowing contract for this season, because the first snowstorm could come any day.

"My emotions say let's do it, because it's the right thing to do," he said. "But common

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Secrets are safe with Santa



Area children gathered Saturday to visit with Santa at the annual CPS Breakfast with Santa. Here, Griffin Lehman whispers his Christmas wishes to St. Nick. (More Christmas events, page 14)

(Photo: A. Aloisio)

Middle School takes a hard look at bullying

By ALISON ALOISIO

"I know many students who get picked on because they smell, wear the same clothes each day, or are different in some other way," writes a Telstar Middle School pupil.

"I don't think it is fair to those kids, but sometimes I even catch myself saying mean things to kids like this. I feel bad after, because I know it isn't right."

Bullying. It's an experience that most adults remember from childhood, and a problem that TMS pupils, staff and

parents are confronting head on.

'The Revealers'

Over the past several weeks,

'I didn't realize there were that many kids that got bullied. I thought it was just me.'

TMS PUPIL

sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders have taken part in a "Community Read" project that tackles bullying.

Every pupil, and some parents, first read "The Revealers," a novel describing how

several middle school pupils suffered under, and then dealt with, other pupils who bullied them.

author, Vermont resident Doug Wilhelm, visited Telstar to provide his perspective on bullying and listen to the pupils and parents.

"It was very obvious in the beginning when we started to read this novel that many students were not aware how much their behavior may impact another student," said TMS teacher M.J. Learned.

Wilhelm's book has been used to prompt discussion in schools in many states (see

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RR crossing stalls vote on site plan for Round Pond lakefront rental

By MICHAEL DANIELS

Uncertainty over the status of the Marshall Lane railroad crossing has led the Greenwood Planning Board to postpone a vote on a site plan application by the owner of Round Pond Station.

The owner, Jonathan Wells, has applied for after-the-fact approval to operate the lakefront facility -- formerly a one-bedroom, one-family camp -- as a commercial vacation rental, accommodating up to 30 people.

The Planning Board has al-

ready issued three change-of-use permits for buildings on the 1.5 acre property, and board members appeared on the verge of issuing an overall site plan approval.

However, at a public hearing on the application last week a representative of the St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad said the legal status of the crossing (which accesses Wells' property and several others) was unclear.

Allen Barlett said that until the railroad had a formal agreement in place with the

Marshall Road Association, the crossing would be considered "illegal."

The Planning Board re-

sponded by referring the matter to the town attorney, Al Perry of South Paris.

In a letter dated Monday, Perry replied, saying the question of safety at the crossing was germane to the board's decision making in the matter, and would best be resolved by having a formal agreement in place regarding the crossing.

Perry wrote: "whether the crossing is 'illegal' or whether the paperwork has been lost or whether the use of the

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Region 9 meeting moved up an hour, to 6 p.m.

By ALISON ALOISIO
The time for Monday's (Dec. 11) public informational meeting on the proposed Region 9 School of Applied Technology expansion has been moved ahead to 6 p.m.

Area selectmen and town

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Senior Players Fall Performance
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Ladies

THE SEARCH IS ON

To the Editor:
The Mahoosuc Arts Council will undertake the search for our next executive director. After 20 years of service to our community, Vicki will be stepping down in June 2007 and we are looking for someone who is interested in continuing to work with our Board of Directors to provide arts programming throughout the communities of SAD44.

We are looking for someone who has both a passion for the arts and an appreciation for the administrative focus and attention to detail that our small organization requires.

We would like to thank Vicki for her years of service to our community and someone who can continue her tireless efforts in our continuing for SAD44 and our communities.

The Mahoosuc Arts Council is one of the driving forces behind the success of Day. We hope to be able to find a new executive director who can begin work in March.

We also hope to encourage the community groups who have been involved in Acroyoeket Day or any of our other arts organizations to be our partner in searching for a person who can take up the reins.

Any interested in position description should contact the Mahoosuc Arts Council Office at 824-3575 to request a copy.

Linda Gamble
Chair, Mahoosuc Arts Council Board

SENIORS DINNER THANKS

To the Editor:
The Prescon Regional High School National Honor Society would like to thank all those who donated their time, food and money to make the annual Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Dinner a success.

We especially want to thank the American Legion, Jackson-Silver Dress, the Jackie Mills. Without their generous support and the support of the people and businesses listed below, this event would not be possible.

The students enjoyed providing this service to the community.

Prescon Regional employees, Nancy Grover and Family, Telstar Cafeteria, Lander's Restaurant, F.B.L.A., Mahoosuc Kids, Silver Dress, Crossroads Restaurant, S.S. Milton's Restaurant, Pocoita Thurston, Cho Sun Restaurant, Rochelle Jensen, Moosehead Roadhouse, Robin Fraser, Maine Line Fresh, Moose Crossing Farm, Viewer's Choice Video, Susan Gove, and N. Things, Wendy Bellin, N.H.S. Parents, Rita and Mark Kenney, The Wild Rose, Carla Phillips, Jaclyn Johnson, Tonya Hebert, David Leclerc, the Richard D. Gould Academy, the Gould Academy Honor Society, Andrea Abbott, and the Karet Family, the Telstar Faculty Fund, Mark Arnold, the Littlefield, Rosemary Labin, Timeless Treasures, Pou Sorensen, and the Philbrook Toy Store.

Valarie Forman, advisor
Prescon Regional High School National Honor Society

REMEMBERING VERA SWIFT

To the Editor:
The news of Verna Swift's death published in last week's edition of The Bethel Citizen was a very pleasant individual who taught me how to type in my junior year at Gould. From a practical standpoint, she turned out to be one of the most important influences in my life since much of life since that time has revolved around the manual typewriter and now the computer.

We were in the same class. I never thought I would ever learn to type as well as beyond anything I could accomplish, but I did. Of course I would learn it and she would teach me how to do it. She was right. I never was a fast typist, but did manage to pass her course and graduated to her for the time she took to see that I got "the hang of it" as the expression goes.

The best student in my typing class who had an over-all better than I did learning this skill. He would always come to Verna approached him. I don't remember what he said, but I did learn to type, but I recall how Verna always helped in her efforts to reassure and coax him along.

Type writing has become second nature to me. Since then, throughout my career has involved typing. I am sure that she would have been had I not taken her class.

I have met Verna at Gould gatherings. She was always kind although I could never quite forget the first time as she put us through our paces in her office on the third floor of Hanscom Hall those many years ago. I still bring up those times and thank her for her patience and good humor as I struggled to learn to type.

She is in heaven wherever you are. I think I can still see her shoulder. With the help of Microsoft Word and a computer and I have completed this letter.

Stan Howe
Bethel

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ARTREACH EVENT TO AID MAKE-A-WISH

To the Editor:

The Telstar Middle School Fine Arts Department will be holding our second annual ArtReach event on Dec. 13, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. The purpose of this event is to use our artwork to help our community. This event will include a student art sale, a chorus and band performance, and a live art auction of works donated by local artists. One-hundred percent of the money raised at this event will be donated to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Maine.

Last year's ArtReach raised \$1,800 for the St. Bernard Parish School District in Louisiana to help them recover and rebuild after Hurricane Katrina. We were pleased to discover that for every dollar that we donated, the school received nine dollars from the federal government. This turned our \$1,800 into \$18,000 for this district. This event was a success not only because of the money that we were able to raise, but also because our students were actively involved in helping others.

This year, our students decided that they wanted to use the funds from the ArtReach to help the Make-A-Wish Foundation. This nonprofit organization grants wishes to children under the age of 18 who have life-threatening illnesses. Since its inception in 1980, this nonprofit organization has granted more than 149,000 wishes around the world. When we discovered that we could completely fund one child's wish with \$5,000, we set this as our fundraising goal. We hope to raise these funds for the Maine chapter of Make-A-Wish by May 2007. The ArtReach will be the kick-off to our fundraising efforts, which will continue through the spring.

Many of the students and local artists who were involved in the first annual ArtReach have created artworks for this year's show, driven by a passion for art and for service. We would like to thank all the individuals who helped to make last year's event a success, and we hope that you will consider attending this year. You can help us to grant a wish by purchasing an artwork, participating in the live auction, or by simply donating funds on your way in to the concert.

This event will be held in the Telstar cafeteria and auditorium and will begin at 5 p.m. with the student visual art exhibit and sale, as well as the live auction preview. Over 100 student artworks will be for sale at the event. The live auction will include 15 donated artworks, both two- and three-dimensional, in a variety of media. The live art auction will be held at 6 p.m., followed by a performance by the TMS Chorus and Band at 6:30 p.m. In case of school or after-school activity cancellation, the event will be held at the same time on Dec. 14.

If you are unable to attend, but would still like to help, please feel free to contact us by phone at 824-2136 or by e-mail at prescotm@sad44.org.

We hope to see you at the show!

Tom Coolidge, Music and Melissa Prescott, Visual Art
Telstar Middle School Fine Arts Department

FORMER PUBLISHER REMEMBERS JOHN K. BROWN

To the Editor:

John K. Brown, longtime editor of The Bethel Citizen, was — as Stan Howe pointed out in his letter last week — a man who loved a good discussion on issues of the day or issues in days past.

But when I first met him, on what I think was either a February or March weekday in 1984, I didn't know anything about this side of him. Nor anything about him at all. I was on my way home to Ipswich, Mass., after a day of skiing at Sunday River and wanted to meet the owner of The Citizen. I'd been looking to purchase a weekly paper in Maine and so was always wanting to learn more about who was publishing what.

When John came up to the counter where I and a friend (one of my reporters from the paper in Ipswich) were standing, I introduced myself and my friend and told him I was editing a weekly and was hoping to someday purchase a paper in Maine. I then asked him if he knew of any papers in western Maine that might be for sale. I remember his response exactly: "This one might be."

And, of course, it was, although not to the competitor down the road in Norway.

When I took over The Citizen in the fall of 1984, John stayed on as editor. I learned a lot from him, and from Musa Brown of course. As well as from Ed and Don, who continued to come in and help out when needed. The most important thing I learned from all of them was this: We're publishing this newspaper to serve the community.

All the Browns I worked with were great raconteurs, and all had prodigious memories. But what never ceased to amaze me about John was his knowledge of history, geography, literature, philosophy, current events — you name it. For some reason it sticks in my mind that he seemed to know the name and place of every country in the world, and the names of its neighbors, and also the prewar and postwar names of those colonies that had changed hands and later became independent. Oh, and the names of the rulers as well.

He was not only an avid reader, but he also seemed to remember everything he had ever read. (Don Bennett, in his letter last week, offered an anecdote illustrating John's recall of detail.) And if he wasn't absolutely sure of a fact or a name, he would either go through reference books or old town reports or old editions of The Citizen until he had made absolutely sure. He was a stickler for accuracy.

John could be short of patience, especially during the weekly printing of the copies of The Citizen on the antiquated flatbed press that would shake the entire Town Office building as it went through its gyrations. John would feed each sheet into the press, which would roll each sheet over the lead printing plates and then flip each printed sheet off to the side. If a sheet misfired, either due to operator error, recalcitrant press or bad karma, John would stamp and snort like an angry bull and angrily throw away the spoiled sheet.

He used to delight in telling visitors about his father's temper — about the time his father Carl flung a slug of lead type from where he was seated at one of the Linotype machines, flung it so hard that it imbedded itself in the door frame leading to the side room. His father's anger had been ignited by a bit of molten lead that was spewed out at him by the Linotype as he was typing. Possibly a case of "like father, like son."

I was lucky to have met John K. Brown on that winter day in 1984, and privileged to have purchased The Citizen from the Brown brothers, privileged to have lived in Bethel and privileged to have learned an awful lot about serving the community through publishing The Citizen till 1989, when I sold it to its current owners. My tenure with The Citizen lasted only five years; John's lasted for most of his life. He'll long be remembered by Bethel citizens for his many decades with the paper, as well as his decades serving on the school board.

Bernard Wideman
Wells

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from Surplus for the Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Account, for lights and other equipment for the department's new pickup truck.

Article 7 proposes \$15,000 from Surplus to pay for engineering plans to stabilize the eroding bank on the Bear River, off the Lone Pine Road.

Article 9 (there is no Article 8) proposes \$5,000 from Surplus to purchase a new tax program. Administrative Assistant Loretta Powers said the current program often generates errors in tax calculations.

Article 10 proposes appropriating \$42,000 from Surplus to cover a calculation error in a certificate of assessment.

Explanation: That amount of money was appropriated at the annual Town Meeting, but it was not calculated into the tax assessment.

Voters will also likely act in March on funding part of a \$27,000 match for an \$81,300 FEMA grant recently approved for the town. The

grant would fund riverbank stabilization work on the Sunday River, near the Outward Bound School.

Road report, river grant

In other business at Monday's meeting, the board received an estimate of \$2,400 from engineer Jim Sysko to provide a detailed report on the condition of the Sunday River Road between the Monkey Brook Road intersection and the Riley town line.

The report will potentially serve as a basis for bids to make improvements to the road. Sysko said he would have it prepared for selectmen in mid-January, in time for consideration at the annual Town Meeting in March.

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Region 9

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managers have been invited to the gathering, which is also open to the general public. The meeting will take place in the Telstar lecture hall. Region 9 officials will present information on the expansion project proposed for the school's facility in Mexico. Member towns will vote in a referendum on the issue

Jan. 9.

Also on Dec. 11, Region 9 officials will meet, beginning at 7:30 p.m., with the SAD44 School Board. A presentation at a board meeting in November left directors with various questions about financing the \$4.9 million project, Superintendent Dave Murphy said.

Our Back Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: Students at Crescent Park School got an unexpected day off thanks to a boiler fire at the school that shut down the heating system.

Gould Academy's ski jumping facility on the Sunday River Road was undergoing improvements.

Local business owners and several Telstar High School students decorated trees in the Bethel Common for the holidays.

Birth: Natalie Gwendolyn May.

Deaths: Christopher R. Dyke, Clyde A. Stevens, Gerald L. Vaughn, Luvie C. Sweetser, Richard N. Inglis, Sr., John Alfred Marshall, IV.

20 years ago: Students at Telstar Regional High School chose science teacher Steve Keane as Teacher of the Year.

Mt. Abram Ski Slopes opened for the season Dec. 9, with a two-to-four foot base of mostly manmade snow.

The 32 condominium unit River View Motel (formerly the Barn Motel) opened. Managers were Betsy and Dennis Doyon.

Births: Christopher Alden Duplessis, Nicholas Riley Young.

Deaths: Katherine A. Morey, Iva L. Keniston, Carroll N. Thurston.

30 years ago: The Red Lantern snack bar was destroyed by fire. (Now the location of Bethel Auto Sales.)

An old-fashioned Country Dance was held in Gould's Bingham Gym with music by "Pine Hill String Band."

Fire destroyed the ell of the Stanley home on Middle Intervale Road; the main part of the house suffered comparatively little damage, thanks to the efforts of the Bethel Fire Department.

Deaths: George F. Learned, Bertha M. Emmons.

40 years ago: WCSH-TV held auditions for Youth Cavalcade in Odeon Hall.

Ralph K. Ryder was named superintendent of schools of SAD44 to replace Horace P. Maxey who tendered his resignation at the December directors meeting.

John Greenleaf and Irving Brown received certificates upon the completion of a course on Civil Defense Management.

Birth: Andrew Joseph Witter Moffett.

Deaths: Mrs. Mary M. Swift, Beryl A. Martin, Mrs. Lora H. Brown, Edward E. Bennett.

50 years ago: The directors of the Bethel Ski Tow met to discuss plans for the use of the tow for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner Brown sold their

From the Bethel Police Log:

Monday, Dec. 4

At 8:35 a.m., Chief Alan Carr responded to Broad Street for a report of missing golf carts.

Sunday, Dec. 3

At 12:15 a.m., Lt. S.R. White observed two subjects at a Railroad Street location arguing loudly. They were warned for disorderly conduct and told to leave the property.

Saturday, Dec. 2

At 4:23 a.m. Officer Travis Fillmore responded to a business alarm on Route 2. A door had been forced open, but no one was found inside and it did not appear anyone had gained entry.

Friday, Dec. 1

At 12:08 a.m. Officer Travis Fillmore received a report of three intoxicated pedestrians walking on Cross Street. They reportedly did something to an item outside a business. The complainant confronted them, and one threw something at him. There was no one in the area when the officer checked.

At 12:30 a.m. Officer Travis Fillmore received a report that a business owner had confronted a subject in another business parking lot. The subject had brought a drink in a glass to the second business, and was told by the first business owner he wanted the glass back and that the customer could not leave the premises with the drink. The glass was returned, the subject was never identified and the first business owner was satisfied.

At 6:30 a.m. Officer Travis Fillmore received a report of criminal mischief involving the flag and pole on the common.

At 9:20 a.m. Officer Phil Taylor took a report of three pairs of skis taken the night before from a motor vehicle parked on Main Street. The skis were later recovered at a nearby location.

At 3 p.m. Officer Jack Taylor responded to the Intervale Road for a report of three mailboxes found in the woods. The numbers were 1447, 2010 and 2306. They could not be matched to anyone on the Intervale Road.

At 7:40 p.m. Officer Jack Taylor responded to the East Bethel Road for a property damage accident. A vehicle had gone off the road. A rain/snow mix was the primary factor.

Thursday, Nov. 30

At 5:45 p.m. Officer Mac McCormick took a report of an earlier altercation between two juveniles at a school.

At 6:20 p.m. Officer Mac McCormick responded to Railroad Street for a business alarm. A door was found to be open, but there were no signs of forced entry. The building was secured.

Wednesday, Nov. 29

At 5:05 a.m. Officer Travis Fillmore responded to a business alarm on the West Bethel Road. An employee had set it off by mistake.

At 11 a.m. Officer Phil Taylor responded to Main Street for a minor property-damage accident in which an RV backed into a car.

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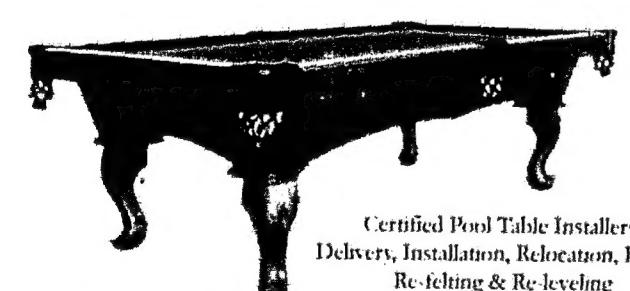
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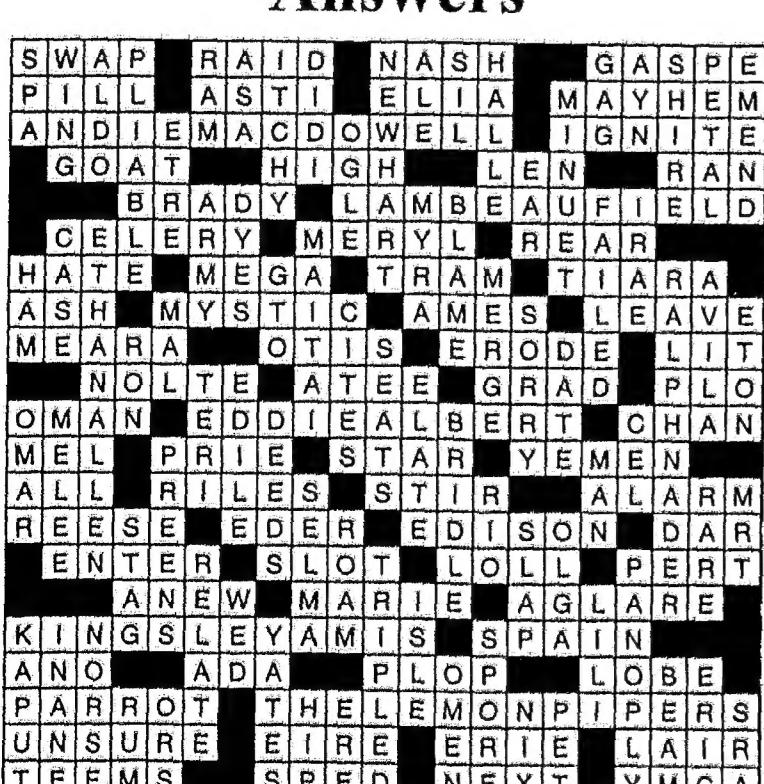
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Bullying

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sidebar).

Last Thursday, when Wilhelm came to Telstar, many pupils eagerly raised their hands to ask questions of him and offer comments.

The youngsters seemed to identify with the book's characters: Russell, Catalina, Elliot and Richie, one of the bullies.

One sixth-grader offered his insight on Russell, one of Richie's victims. "I think Russell was mentally tougher than Richie," he said.

Another wondered what "happened" to Richie after the book ended, speculating that after learning some things from Russell he might have gone on to a successful life.

During an evening discussion between Wilhelm and parents, one commented that if more parents could read the novel they would gain a better

perspective on what goes on in schools.

Blog insights

Many TMS pupils had offered their thoughts on bullying on the school's anonymous blog. Some examples:

"I experience bullying all the time in this school. It is not really physical violence that I face, it is more verbal. People hit me for no reason sometimes, but that does not affect me that much."

"People usually think that I am something I am not. I hear them talking about me when I am right in front of them and they know I can hear because I am looking straight at them. Most of the time I usually hear people calling another person a name like weird, ugly, back stabber, when they are not, or even real bad, bad, bad things."

"Boys usually do the physi-

cal violence and girls do the verbal violence because they know exactly what to say to that person to make them have from a good day to a certainly bad day."

"Some girls do physical violence, they can get into fights that are sometimes worse than a boy fight. On the bus I hear people talking about other people, usually it's me, my friend, or just someone I don't know at all. I still think it is wrong to talk about someone behind their back like that. Plus out of 1 to 10, I give this school a 6 for the verbal and physical and also mental violence."

"A lot of things make people feel awkward all the way from bad hair to weird clothes. But EVERYONE feels awkward when you are sitting alone at the lunch table and just wait-

ing for someone to have good spirits and sit with you."

"Most of the time if you have no real friends nobody will sit with you because they are all too busy sitting with their own little cliques and groups/gangs. If people were to sit with people they don't really like or don't even know then a lot of bullying wouldn't happen."

"It wouldn't happen much because everyone would have people standing behind them sticking up for them and that would drive bullies away."

Solutions?

After sharing their experiences, the TMS pupils offered some of their own ideas for dealing with bullying: walk away; talk to friends about it; tell an adult; start a group to help deal with it; ask the bully why he does it; and, in some cases, stand up to the bully.

Wilhelm, who is 6-foot-10, said he experienced bullying in middle school. He told the pupils he had no easy answers, but generally suggested staying with another friend so a bully would not have the opportunity to find a victim alone.

He also said that cyberbullying—using the Internet or cell phone text messaging to victimize youngsters—is another form of bullying that is becoming more of a problem.

Wilhelm noted that youngsters who are bullied are more likely to be depressed or suicidal. He used the example of the killings in 1999 at Columbine High School in Colorado, where student shooters had been the victims of bullying.

Made a difference

Learned said she believes reading the book and holding discussions has made TMS pupils more sensitive to the

problem.

"The novel has allowed students to become more aware of their surroundings and the impact of bullying in a community like a school," she said.

Pupils wrote their own assessment of the book and its effect at TMS. Among the comments:

"This book taught me how to cope with bullying. It actually helped me."

"I had been having trouble fitting in and 'The Revealers' allowed me to see that it was okay to be myself."

"This book is amazing. It has made me realize that it really hurts people when you bully them. I relate to this book a lot because I got bullied and picked on. I didn't realize there were that many kids that got bullied. I thought it was just me."

Author of widely used book on bullying speaks with Middle School kids

By ALISON ALOISIO

Doug Wilhelm set out to write a story on a topic he thought young adults would find interesting. What happened after its publication—a result in part to its timing—"has amazed me," he said.

Wilhelm, a New Jersey native, lives in Vermont. He has written everything from brochures and newsletters to novels.

He got the idea for "The Revealers" from the experiences of his second-grade son, Brad, with bullies.

The boy described a fictionalized "lab" that he and his friends had at school, where they would "lure the bullies and dissect their brains," Wilhelm said.

It was Brad's way of saying they were trying to figure out what made the bullies tick.

Intrigued, Wilhelm began talking with middle school pupils across Vermont, collecting their experiences with bullying for background.

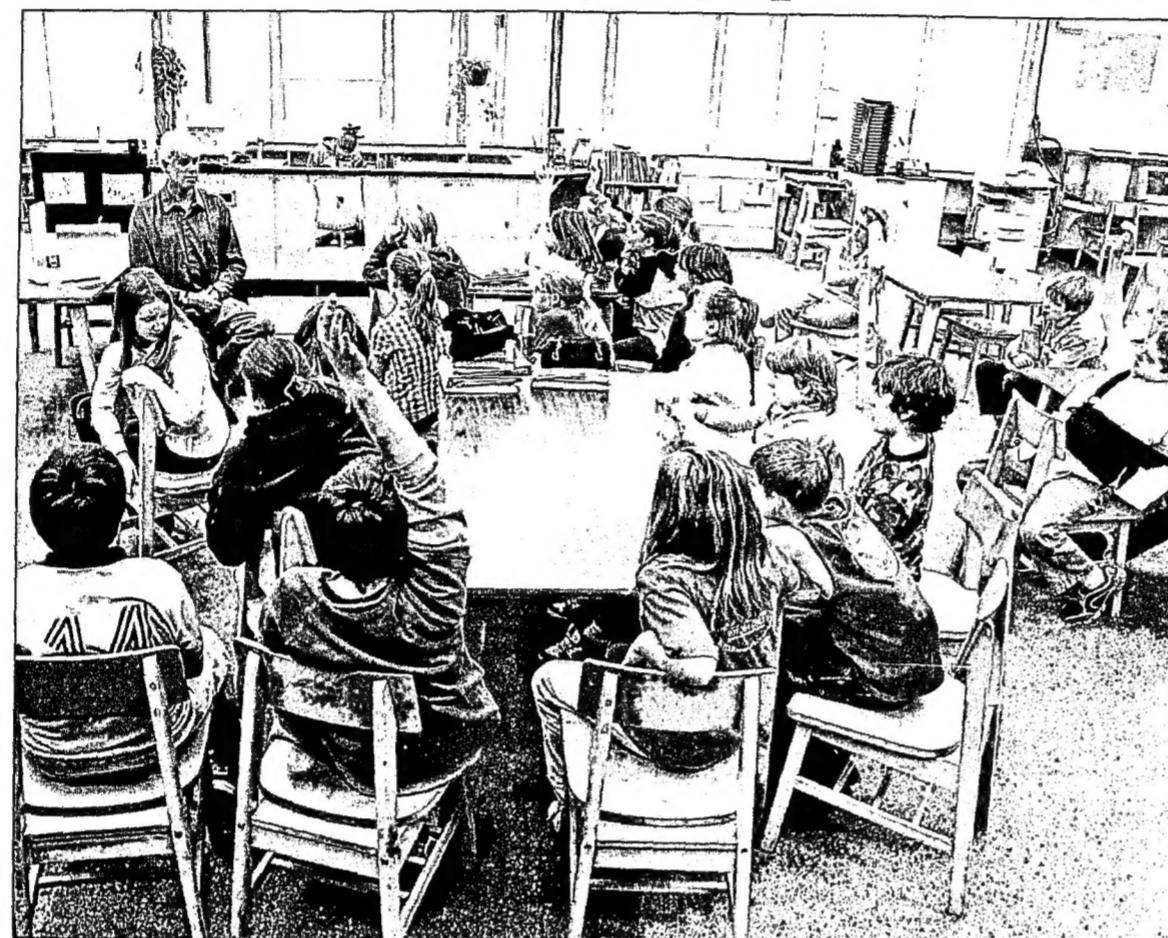
"Bullying is at its most cruel and intense in middle school," he said.

For five years, Wilhelm researched and re-worked his book, shaping three main middle school characters faced with bullying. He described how they banded together to "reveal" their experiences through their school's computer network.

Vermont passes bullying law

The book was published in October of 2003. Coincidentally, on the day it came out, a 13-year-old Vermont boy committed suicide—in part as a result of bullying he had experienced both in person and online.

His parents then pushed, successfully, for



REVEALING DISCUSSION—Author Doug Wilhelm, at left, talks with Telstar Middle School pupils about his book "The Revealers." All pupils read and discussed the book about bullying as part of a Community Read project. Wilhelm was bullied himself in seventh grade—before he got his growth spurt and grew to 6-10. (Photo: A. Aloisio)

the state to adopt a bullying prevention law for schools, known informally as "Ryan's Law," Wilhelm said.

It was enacted in 2004, providing for steps to enable pupils, teachers and parents to report bullying and deal with the bullies.

Since then, the state's schools have worked to both implement the law and get at the problem at its root. They began drawing on Wilhelm's book as a resource, using it to prompt discussion.

Eight Vermont schools have used it in workshops like the one at Telstar. Schools in other states are also employing it.

'This is not OK'

To illustrate the novel's effect, Wilhelm described an incident at one middle school that had earlier used his book as a catalyst for discussion.

During lunch period in the cafeteria, a boy tried to sit down at a table full of players from the boys' soccer team. One loudly insulted the boy, who then moved away toward a corner.

Nearby at another table was the girls' soccer team. A player invited the boy to sit with them.

Then, as a group the team rose, walked to the boys' table and informed them "this is not OK," Wilhelm said.

Asked by teachers later if discussion of "The Revealers" had prompted their actions, one girl replied, "Well, maybe, because now we know how it feels," Wilhelm said.

"And they didn't think it was anything special," he said. "It's that subtle shift that we're looking for."

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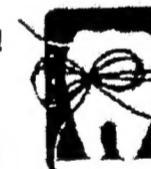
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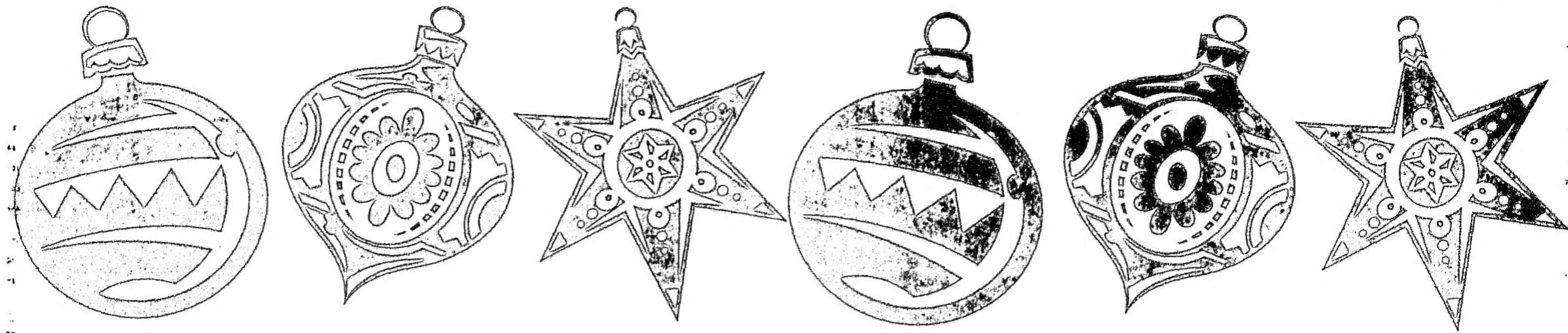
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Happening Around Town

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Country Christmas in Bethel

Many fun events take place in Bethel on weekends between Thanksgiving to Christmas! Holiday activities and events include the Taste of Bethel & Theme Wreath Silent Auction on Dec. 2, horse-drawn wagon rides, shopping specials, open houses, The Living Nativity, Christmas tree lighting, caroling, arrival of Santa and more - a real country Christmas atmosphere! FMI 207-824-2282

DECEMBER 7

Christmas with the Masons

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DECEMBER 7-10

Trees & Trains

Come Visit the McLaughlin barn and house decked out for the Holidays. Set up by the Maine Garden Railway Society, this is a holiday must-see! New this year is the Portland Train Station. Train stations and trees fill the whole barn, not to be missed. \$3 member, \$5 non-members, Children under 12 \$3, children under 5 are free

DECEMBER 9

Great Glen Nordic Sprint Race presented by Atomic

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Author Appearance

Author & humorist John McDonald will be at Books-N-Things in Bethel at 2PM to sign copies of his books, "A Moose & a Lobster Walk into a Bar: Tales from Maine" and "down the road a piece." Copies of his new CD, "Ain't He Some Funny!" will also be available.

DECEMBER 10

Senior Players Production

Western Mountains Senior Players will present their fall production of comical and serious skits. Senior Players are directed by Lynn Arizzi and sponsored by Western Mountains Senior College. The public is invited to the performance and admission is free. The performance is at 2:30pm at Gould Academy's McLaughlin Auditorium.

DECEMBER 11

Mahoosuc Community Band Winter Concert

Enjoy this evening of music by our wonderful local talent. 7pm at the West Parish Congregational Church.

DECEMBER 12

Rotary Senior Christmas Luncheon

Free for senior citizens in the area! from noon to 1:00 p.m. Doors open at 11:00 a.m. The Bethel Rotary Club provides this luncheon to the area senior citizens at the Locke Mills American Legion Hall.

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2 cups powdered sugar

1 cup baking cocoa

1 cup non dairy powdered creamer

1/2 tsp salt

3.15 oz. pkgs unsweetened raspberry drink mix

5 1/2 cups powdered milk

Combine ingredients together in a gallon-size zipping bag; shake to combine. Place in an airtight container; attach instructions. Makes 9 cups of mix. Instructions: Add 3 tablespoons mix to one cup of hot water, stir until dissolved.

Comet's White Chocolate Crunch

A favorite of children and reindeer everywhere!

10 oz. pkg mini pretzels

5 cups doughnut-shaped oat cereal

5 cups bite-size crispy corn cereal squares

2 cups peanuts

16 oz. pkg candy-coated chocolates

2 12 oz. pkgs white chocolate chips

3 tbsp oil

Combine first five ingredients in a very large bowl; set aside. Melt chocolate chips with oil in a double boiler; stir until smooth. Pour over cereal mixture; mix well. Spread mixture equally onto 3 wax paper-lined baking sheets; allow to cool. Break into bite-size pieces; store in airtight containers. Makes 5 quarts.

Memory Tray

A great way to capture cherished memories!

acrylic paint in color of choice

sponge brushes

unfinished wooden serving tray, any size

sandpaper or steel wool

ticket stubs, photos, any other paper mementos

scissors

matte decoupage medium

paper

craft roller

glass or plexiglass to fit inside tray

Paint tray with 2 coats of acrylic paint and let dry 24 hours. Sand paint lightly so that decoupage medium will adhere. Decide how you will arrange pieces, trim any excess and adhere first memento down, using decoupage medium. Put a large, plain piece of paper over the glued image and smooth with roller to eliminate bubbles and ripples. Continue adding images in the same manner and, when all pieces have been pasted, apply a thin coat of decoupage medium to the entire tray, covering all pasted surfaces. Let dry for about 30 minutes. Apply 2 or 3 additional coats of the medium to seal, allowing 30 minutes to dry between each coat. After the final layer is dry, set the glass or plexiglass on top to protect the tray.

Double Chip-Walnut Brownie Mix

Turn these into chocolatey mint brownies by just adding mint chocolate chips instead of vanilla chips!

1/3 cup baking cocoa

2/3 cup sugar

1/2 cup chocolate chips

1/2 cup vanilla chips

2/3 cup brown sugar, packed

1 1/3 cups all purpose flour

1 tsp salt

1/2 cup chopped walnuts

Layer cocoa in a one-quart, wide-mouth canning jar. Use a paper towel to remove any cocoa from sides of jar. Layer in remaining ingredients; sugar, chocolate chips, vanilla chips, brown sugar, flour, salt and walnuts. Be sure to press down each layer as tightly as possible before adding the next. **Attach the following directions to the jar:** Combine jar ingredients with one teaspoon vanilla extract, 2/3 cup oil, and 3 eggs. Pour into greased 9x9 baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes. Makes 9 servings.

Homemade Doggie Biscuits

Stir in a little beef bouillon with the water or toss in some bacon bits for extra flavor

3/4 cup hot water

1/3 cup margarine

1/2 cup powdered milk

1/2 tsp salt

2 tsp sugar

1 egg, beaten

3 cups whole wheat flour

In a large mixing bowl, pour hot water over margarine. Stir in powdered milk, salt, sugar, and egg. Add flour, half cup at a time, mixing well after each addition. Knead for 4 to 5 minutes, adding more flour if necessary to make a stiff dough. Roll to half-inch thickness and cut out with bone shaped cookie cutter; hearts or cat shapes would be fun too. Place on a greased baking sheet. Bake at 325 degrees for 45 minutes. Allow to cool completely. Makes about 3 dozen, depending on the size of the cookie cutter.

Mosaic Herb Garden

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grout

spoon

sponge, moistened

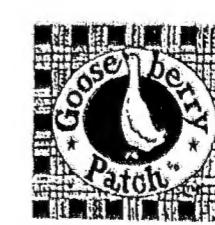
potting soil

4 plastic zipping bags

herb seed packets

Optional 12" long wooden crate

Glue ceramic pieces to the pots in desired pattern, leaving room between for grout; allow to dry for at least 8 hours. Mix up grout powder according to package directions and spoon grout onto the side of each pot. Smooth into spaces between ceramic tiles with the back of a spoon. Use a wet sponge to remove excess from the surface of the tiles. Let pots sit for at least 12 hours. Spoon potting soil into 4 small plastic zipping bags, add seed packets and place inside each pot. Place filled pots inside crate, if desired.



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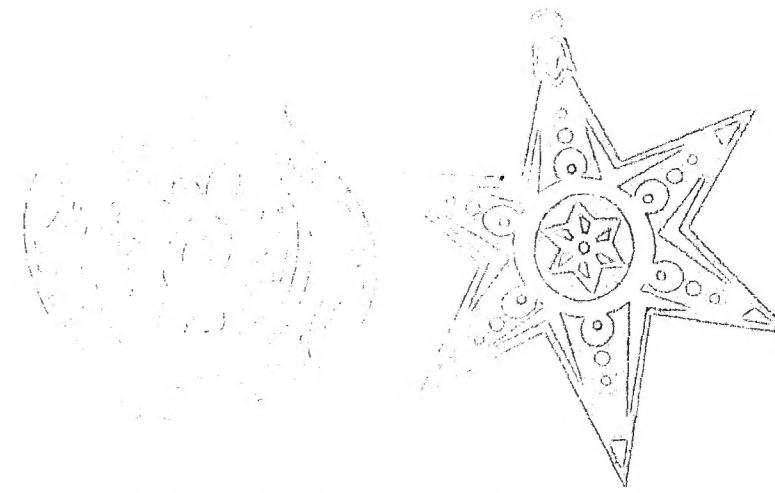
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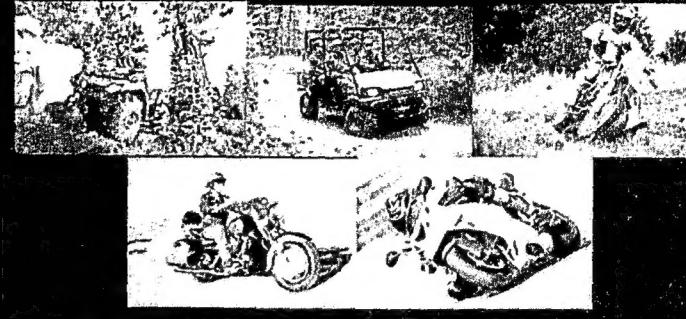
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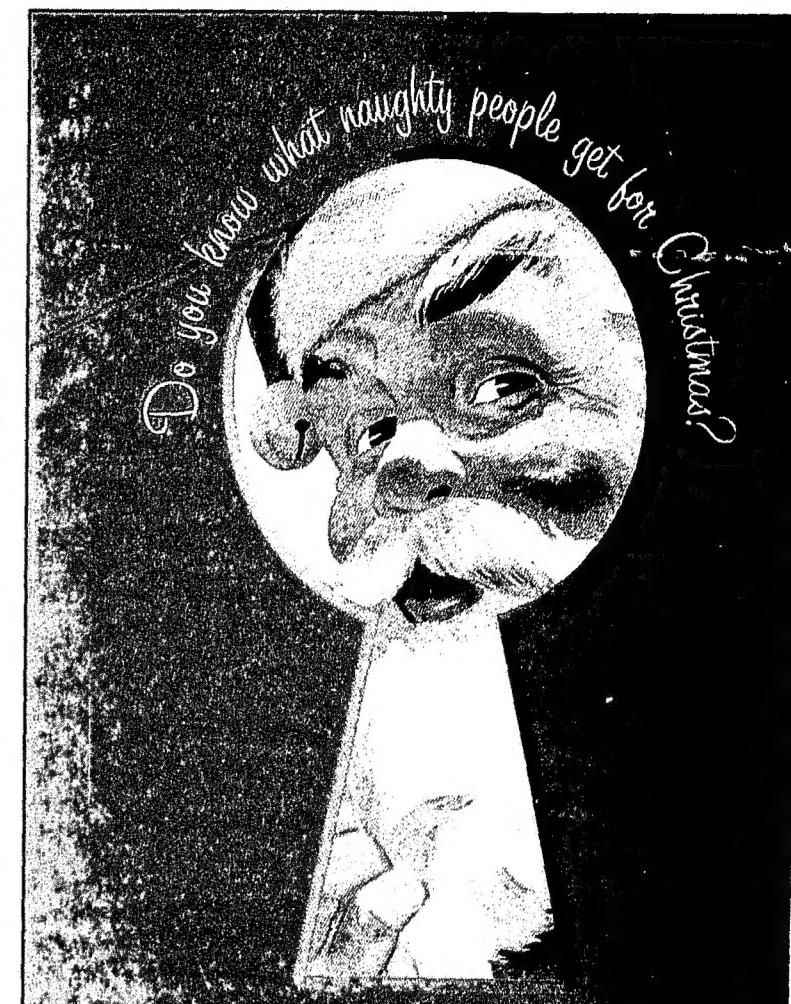


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Trail

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tension, workers from Savage Excavation dug out a nearly a foot and a half of existing soil and replaced it with a foot-deep sub-base of gravel, topped with four inches of crushed gravel.

A roller from D.A. Wilson then compacted the gravel, which will be paved in the spring.

The pathway extension was made possible by a \$29,000 grant from the Maine Recreational Trails Program, matched by more than \$44,000 in locally donated easements, materials, equipment and labor (see below).

Extended effort ahead

The pathway extension project was managed by the town of Bethel, in conjunction with the Bethel Area Trails, a committee of the Mahoosuc Land Trust.

The committee, which has a dozen members, has been meeting monthly since March of 2004.

Based on input from public user surveys in 2004 and a public trails workshop the following year, the committee has identified four priority areas of trail development: Bethel to Angevine Park, Bethel to Sunday River, safe routes to school (including Davis Park to Telstar and sidewalks along Mason Street to Crescent Park School), and Bethel village trails.

The new pathway extension

is one more step toward completing a trails route to Angevine Park (which is located on the North Road, approximately two miles west of the pathway).

The committee is also lending its support and expertise to an extension of the pathway from its current terminus on the North Road, through Mayville to the area of the Good Food Store.

Discussions with the town are currently underway regarding that extension, as are negotiations with landowners in the area.

If completed, that extension, "could be the first leg of a future trail to Sunday River," said Kirk Siegel, coordinator of Bethel Area Trails.

The committee is also currently at work on a 16-page (and growing) master plan that lays the groundwork for guiding locations, timing, and funding of future phases of the area trail network, and ensuring the involvement of as many trail users and user groups as possible.

The master plan was assembled in large part by Don Bennett of Mayville and Burnham Martin of the National Park Service Rivers and Trails Assistance Program, which has been assisting the group for over a year.

Complete information on the local trail effort can be found on the web at www.thebetheljournals.info/Trails/.

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The trail committee normally meets at the Mahoosuc Land Trust office in the White Mountain National Forest building on the first Friday of the month, and meetings are open to the public.

Project contributors

The new extension of the Bethel Pathway was made possible by a \$29,000 grant from the Maine Recreational Trails Program, and by numerous local contributions of easements, materials, labor and equipment time and services.

Donors included: landowners: BIG Adventure Center and Bethel Outdoor Adventures; Savage Excavation (\$10,000 worth of machine and operator time and expertise); D.A. Wilson (compaction roller and operator time); Don Murphy of Main Land Development, (pro bono wetlands delineation and environmental permitting services); Jim Sysko (engineering and design services); Kirk Siegel (trail easement drafting); Sunday River Ski Resort (project coordinator services through staff members Tim Bruce and John Devito); town of Bethel (leadership from Town Manager Scott Cole); and hours of work by members of the Bethel Area Trails Committee of the Mahoosuc Land Trust.

Rental

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crossing over time has made it 'legal' are matters that neither I nor the Planning Board are presumed to know or equipped to decide. However, the crossing issue is related to the safety of the road in general, particularly given its width and construction.

Again, the general rule is that the Board need not decide matters not specifically set forth in the ordinance. Here, however, the applicant has admitted for the purpose of site plan review that he is conducting a commercial business and the site plan review ordinance is particularly concerned with traffic and traffic safety. Review Stan-

dard 1-601.2.C on page 9 requires the applicant to know that 'the proposed project shall provide safe vehicular access to and from public and private streets.'

"While the nature of the railroad crossing is not specific to Mr. Wells (presumably all the residents on the road have the same problem), he does have the burden of demonstrating the safety of the access road and the Board is directed, in the context of requiring a traffic study, to consider the existence of any current safety problem in the area. I would suggest, therefore, that the Planning Board might require the applicant

to demonstrate the adequacy of the existing crossing to safely provide access and that one method of demonstrating its safety might be a written crossing agreement with the railroad."

After discussing the crossing, as well as other aspects of Round Pond Station, for more than an hour Monday, board members voted unanimously to table the application until their next meeting, on Jan. 8, in order to allow the board to hold another site walk and to give Wells time to attempt to get some form of statement from the railroad regarding its view of the safety at the crossing.

Woodstock

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sense says wait, and do it right."

He speculated that if it does snow on a day significantly earlier than the time a plowing arrangement goes into effect, a grader might be needed to clear the road initially.

Pond resident Sterling Mills, in attendance at the meeting, said he had plowed the road himself in the past and might consider doing the job.

Selectman Rick Young suggested putting the job out to bid, with bids to be opened just prior to the public hearing. "Let's get it out there," he said.

Maxfield said it would cost an estimated \$4,000 per mile to plow for the season.

He said he believes there's a good chance Oxford County would pay to plow the one-mile section in Milton Plantation.

After speaking with a representative of the county commissioners, he said, he has written a letter on the subject for them to consider at their Dec. 19 meeting.

"I'm not hearing any opposition from the county," he said.

Selectman Bruce Korhonen said he thought it would be best to plow the road all the

way to the Peru town line, in order to leave the road open at that end for fire trucks.

"Let's get fire protection down there," he said, noting the Peru Fire Department is the closest to respond to fires near the pond.

The pond residents said there have been several break-ins recently at camps. While plowing might make the camps more accessible to thieves, the residents said the presence of more people in general would likely deter break-ins.

The hearing starts at 5:30 p.m. at the Town Office.

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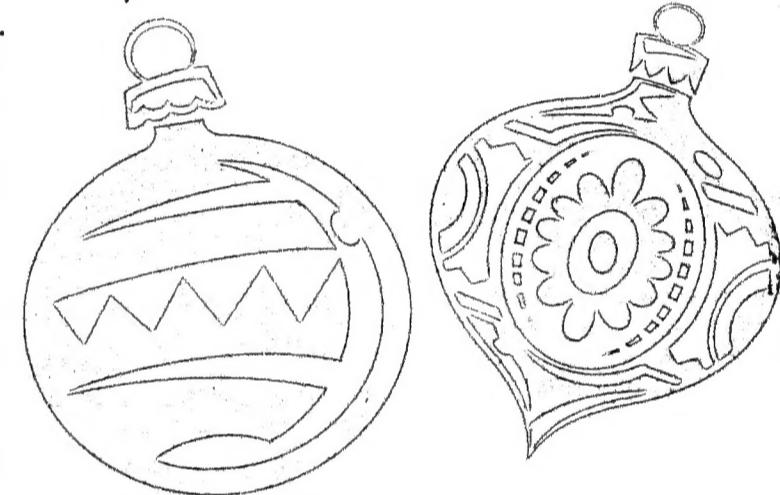
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6**Bethel**

by Virginia Keniston
Jane Young recently had a visit from her nieces, the Chapin girls,

Nancy Brown from Bolton, Conn., and Cindy Kraus from Falmouth, who took Jane out for lunch and all had a great visit. After Cindy and Nancy left Bethel they joined their sister, Mary Ann Baker, in Collierville, Tenn., for a get-together.

Amy Davis has heard from Carol Nielsen in Cocoa Beach, Fla. She is very involved in choirs and quilting.

The Congregational Church Fair was very successful with lots of people on such a pleasant day.

Woody Hughes had open house for his pottery upstairs in the barn on Chapman Street on the weekend.

Sue Farrar is now at her home recuperating, with the help of her therapist, from a broken pelvis. I'm sure she would be happy to hear from her friends.

The Spinners Group met on Wednesday with Doreen Simmons in South Paris with lunch and a Christmas Party. Lucy Nordahl is hosting the Cross Country Quilters this Thursday (today) for lunch and Christmas party.

Upton

by Eleanor LeComte

We headed out on our road south on Tuesday last week. We had so much "stuff" that it took two vehicles for the trip. Sue Nelson and I enjoyed the scenery, a lot of girl talk and a pretty bad book on tape, as we rolled along the highway. The weather was superb for December all the way from Upton to South Carolina and Florida. Richard rode with Larry Nelson and it must have been a smooth ride because he caught many "Z's" on the way. Our good neighbors drove us as a favor to us that can never be repaid. Upton neighbors and friends cannot be beat, they are the best! "Tansy Girl," the Nelson's yell-

low lab stretched out in the back seat to prove that dogs can be comfortable anywhere. As we drove south, the feeling was that we were back into fall and then to summer.

We have some regrets going away at this time of year. We will miss the Christmas Tea at the Congregational Church, the Taste of Bethel and the Greens Fair at the West Bethel Union Church. We will not miss boats, mittens and parkas. Shorts and tees are the uniform of the day.

On our trip we stopped at Hilton Head Island and visited with Don and Linda Hartrick. Linda served a delicious lunch and gave us a tour of the area.

The Christmas decorations seem strange to us here, but Christmas spirit is wonderful. Every town has a Christmas Parade. All the kids participate. Cheerleaders cheer, gym teams do their acrobatics on the road and every civic organization joins in. There is a boat parade on the Intra Coastal Waterway at night, displaying decorations and lights.

Sunday morning, I received a very welcome phone call from Collie at the Upton Village Store. I was informed that it was 18 degrees with a dusting of snow. The big snow will arrive for Christmas as is appropriate. Collie was very excited about the 2007 Calendar being sold by the State Line Snowmobile Club. It will cost \$8 and that's a bargain. Scenes around Route 26 are featured. Chris has a photo of a bull moose with its face covered with snow on the cover. The proceeds will be used to finance projects related to snowmobiling. The club is a very popular one with members working to keep trails trimmed and maintained. Copies of the calendar may be obtained at the Upton Village Store and other places of business in the area.

Yesterday, my friend presented me with a one-pound lime. My neighbor in Upton would be delighted to have it for a very well-rounded vodka and tonic. The only drawback was that after we sliced it we found it to have 3/4 pound of white rind.

A happy and rapid recovery to Joy Yarnell who is having knee surgery soon.

There will be a space shot next Thursday evening. We are not too far from Cape Canaveral so it should be highly

visible from the front lawn.

I received a late report that Jessica Casey is also on the honor roll. "Atta Girl" Jess.

The "Bird of the Week" is the snowy egret that visits once a day.

Think snow! (I won't!)

Gilead

by Lin Chapman

As much as I dislike snow, I wish it would hurry up and

arrive. It just is not natural to be in the first week of December and have 50-plus degree weather and no snow.

Hugh and I had a very busy weekend. Besides our usual running around, we had an overnight guest last Saturday night. Our granddaughter, Annie Chapman, decided that she wanted to spend the night with Grammy and Grampa. Her 4th birthday was Nov. 30 and she was having a party at her dad's on Sunday. We took her to her Dad and Michele's house and William, Ajay and Sidney were waiting with balloons, presents and a Winnie the Pooh cake. Everyone had a great time watching Annie open her presents.

My brother, Steve McLain, has been trying to get over this cold that a lot of people seem to have. Hugh has gone around a couple of times with it this past month.

On Monday, Dec. 4, the site walk for the proposed Peaked Hill subdivision was held. There were nine people who went to check out the area. Besides the three members of the Planning Board (Jill Bujnowski, Celia Broomhall, Len Strait), there were two members of the Gilead Historical Society (Hugh Chapman, Norm Buttrick), two from the USFS (one of them was Joe Taylor), a representative from Main Land Development and someone who was representing the owner of the property. Norm and Celia are on the Bog Road side and Joe Taylor is across Route 2 from the development and has an interest since his water supply (and the homes of other family members who live there) is on that site and could be affected.

Gilead Historical Society

The newsletter will include a

notice that dues are payable on the first of the year. There are still copies of the three publications and the DVD available for purchase. Contact Lin at 836-2987 if you are interested.

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West Bethel

by Lorrie Hoeh

Last Friday night was unusual, to say the least. The combination

of thunder, lightning, sleet, and 1.8 inches of rain made for an interesting storm. And then on Saturday, it sputtered snowflakes off and on all day.

Said rainfall has precipitated another unfortunate situation. Just north of the Hochstein on the west side of the Flat Road, the beavers have dammed up a culvert and flooded the woods there. All well and good until the downpour. Now the water has been running partly over the road and is undermining the pavement on that side. There are traffic cones up, but we are hoping some serious repairs will soon be made, so that the five families this side of the mess will not be cut off from civilization by further erosion!

I always feel sorry for the beavers, since, after all, it's we humans who have infringed on their territory, rather than the other way around. Ordinarily, their dams are a quite useful part of a natural flood-prevention system. It's only when our roads are "in the way" that they become flood causes, instead of preventers. Alas, they will probably have to be trapped out and either relocated or destroyed. I hope it's the former.

Saturday was a busy time in Bethel and environs. The West Bethel Union Church had its annual greens sale, which was a big success, as usual. Jane Hosterman and Barbara Maher visited the "Taste of Bethel" at Telstar and pronounced it delicious. At the same time there was a craft fair going on at the school. The West Parish Congregational Church was holding its annual Christmas Fair and Tea in the afternoon, also well attended. Our part-time neigh-

bor, Barbara Bennett, and I dropped in there for a "cuppa" and to peruse the wares available for sale. We also noticed that the hay wagon was available on the Common for rides around the village.

Jane H. is bidding farewell to an old friend. The huge sugar maple next to her driveway (and on town property) is gasping its last and will be removed soon by the town. She remembers that there were four maples fronting the house when she and Dick moved in all those years ago.

We loaded our car on Sunday with our daughter Martha's family, and the six of us headed to Farmington. We first had lunch with daughter Cyndy, her family, and in-laws in Chesterville. Then we all zipped over to Alumni Memorial Theater at UMaine Farmington to see our granddaughter Louisa in a Sandy River Players production of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever." Louisa, who incidentally was named "Junior Miss Farmington Fair" this year, had the part of one of the children, which involved narrating the play, as well as acting in it. It was very enjoyable, both amusing and touching, and a nice start to the Christmas season.

As we drove home over U.S. Route 2 and reached Dixfield, we found ourselves sitting in a long line of cars at the traffic light there. It turns out that there was a huge parade which had started at 4 p.m. and was heading to Rumford. We sat in Dixfield for at least a half hour, then crept veerrrily slowly westward for another half hour. Finally, someone gave us and others what turned out to be faulty directions for a detour to get around the parade.

After a couple of false starts, we eventually received correct information and arrived in Rumford by the back way, having circumvented the parade route. Monday's Sun Journal noted that the parade lasted from 4 to 6:30. Now that seems like an unconscionable amount of time to tie up a federal highway, which is the main east-west road in the state.

The Bethel spinning group, B.A.A.A., celebrated the season on Wednesday, Dec. 6, with its annual Christmas party at Stoneheart Farm, Doreen Simmons's home, over

in Paris. We always have pot-luck and a Yankee Swap, not to mention a lot of laughs and good fellowship. Spinning and good cooking seem to go hand in hand, so we always eat very well, too.

I'm back to wreath-making and sending this Monday morning. Hope to hear from you about your holiday plans and doings. Call or write: 836-3011; dhoeh@megalink.net.

West Paris

by Joyce Lamb

There have been just a few snowflakes occasionally with cold, windy

weather so winter is here. The house is wrapped in plastic and ready for any good storm.

Joe Perham will be the guest speaker at the West Paris Universalist Church on Dec. 10. Jim Burke is the organist. All are welcome.

On Dec. 17 there will be a pot-luck supper at the church at 5 p.m. followed with a Christmas party and a visit from Santa. All are welcome. Bring your children and a small gift to put on the tree for them from Santa.

On Dec. 24, the candlelight service will be held at 6 p.m. with Joe Perham as leader. All are welcome.

Lee Dean spent a few days at Stephens Memorial Hospital and is now at Ledgeview Nursing Home to regain her strength. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Tineke Ouwinga of Bethel will be the guest speaker at the Whitman Memorial Library in Bryant Pond on Thursday, Dec. 14, at 10 a.m. Mrs. Ouwinga will be speaking about growing up in the Netherlands and her experience living in Nazi-occupied Holland during World War II. The program is open to the public at no charge. Light refreshments will be served. Please join them. All are welcome.

Beryl Bonney has been ill with a prevailing cough and cold but is feeling better.

Edith Morey of Locke Mills is now at Norway Rehabilitation Center.

There has been a great shortage of the flu vaccine this fall. After two false runs to Norway I finally received mine last

The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

Sharon Bouchard's column is published by special arrangement with the Advertising Department

I am happy to say that I am almost done with my Christmas shopping.

I don't say that to boast or to make the last-minute shoppers feel badly. It's just the way it is. Shopping early is not something I do because I am an organized person. It's not done so I can take advantage of the best selections or sales. It is done strictly for budgetary reasons.

My job is commissioned sales and I get paid once a month. Therefore, I receive only 12 paychecks per year. Most people receive 52 paychecks a year and those who are paid bi-weekly receive 26, but I can enjoy only 12.

So, it is not because I have taken lessons from Martha Stewart that has taught me to be an early shopper. It is a case of necessity.

But, before any of you envy my nearly completed shopping situation, let me point out the down sides. It is not always that beneficial for a disorganized individual to start their Christmas shopping in April.

First of all, you run out of hiding places and second of all, you forget where in heck all your hiding places are.

This past weekend I decided that it might be a good idea to start wrapping things so I would not be faced with an all night wrapping frenzy a few days before Christmas like I

usually am. This is when I discovered that I couldn't find where I put a good many of the presents I bought months ago.

I also discovered that some of the gifts that I bought a long time ago I had forgotten all about. This would be a bonus if it wasn't for the fact that I apparently liked the items so much that I bought the same things again months later.

I would exchange some of these things if only I could remember where in heck I bought them or where I might have stashed the sales slips.

...the people I envy are the ones who have the talent to make Christmas gifts.

Here's another bugaboo about shopping early. A large percentage of presents that I bought during the summer are now on sale. I am driving myself absolutely crazy looking through all the sale flyers that are in the paper just about every day.

I know this happens every year and if I were a really smart person, which obviously I'm not, I would set aside money each month just for the Christmas season sales. But, for me, money on hand, whether in the bank or under my mattress, is money spent. I am not real good about hanging onto money.

Some of you may envy the fact that I will not have to spend much time in overcrowded stores this month, but the people I envy are the ones who have the talent to make Christmas gifts. I have so much respect for the knitters and sewers and quilters of the world who make beautiful sweaters and quilts every year.

I have no skills for such lovely crafts. I can't sew a straight line no matter how hard I try. I can knit and purl from here to Boston, but I can't turn corners. I knitted a pair of two needle mittens when I was in high school; one mitten came out pretty good, but the other looked like it would fit the Jolly Green Giant if he had happened to have a deformed hand.

When I was pregnant with my son I attempted a baby sweater. Eight years later when my daughter was born I completed it, but my husband wouldn't let me put it on her because it was a bit misshapen. Okay, it was a lot misshapen.

So, in view of the fact that I can't make any presents and I can't save money throughout the year, I'm pretty much stuck with buying a few gifts a month. My resolution for 2007 is to keep a list of what I bought and where I put it so I won't have the problems I have right now. I think that's a good idea and the way I see it, it's a heck of a lot easier than trying to knit a sweater.

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week in the evening. I hope others got their shot and will be free from the flu all winter.

OBITUARY

Buffy Lamb, beloved Himalayan cat of Joyce Lamb was lovingly put to sleep on Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2006. He was weak and having trouble walking around and eating very little. This yellow coon cat was a great companion for 16 years and had always had what he wanted to eat and came in and out as often as he could get me to open the door. He was a stray and came to my back door and asked to come in. After a month I found where he came from and was told they did not want him. He had already chosen to live with me. For many summers I worked at Camp Susan Curtis and took Buffy with me. He made himself at home there and enjoyed the children and liked to catch the frogs at the edge of Trout Lake.

Buffy never spent a night outside after he came to live with me. For an age we had to guess. The vet said he was probably five to eight years old when he came to me and then lived with me for sixteen years so he was in his early twenties. He is greatly missed for he was a big part of my life.

Hanover


by Clem Worcester

Due at the end of December are dog licenses. When you go to the Town Office to get the dog's license be sure to take

an up-to-date rabies certificate and the spay/neuter certificate. The fee for "fixed" dogs is \$6 and for dogs that can reproduce the cost is \$10. Every dog that you have needs to be licensed and a late fee will be applied after Jan. 31, 2007. Part of the fee from dog licenses goes toward animal abuse protection.

Skip and Jen Mendenhall have moved from their Howard Pond Road home and left Hanover. Their home has been rented.

Melburn (Chink) (Hutch) Hutchins will be 80 years old on Dec. 16. A gathering in his honor is planned at the Maine Veterans' Home at 477 High Street, South Paris, ME 04281 on that day from 2 to 4 p.m. Friends and acquaintances are urged to stop by and say, "Hi."

If unable to attend, sending a card is a very good idea. Gifts are not solicited or expected. Melburn and his wife Rose are Hanover residents living for many years at the intersection of Main Street and Top Hat Road. He has been at the Maine Veterans' home for several years and Rose stays with her daughter, Gail Worcester and her husband, Bill. Chink worked many years in the Rumford paper mill until he retired.

Sympathy is extended to Carroll (Cack) Bean and his family upon the loss of Beatrice. They were long-time residents of Hanover having raised their family on Top Hat Road.

The Hanover Select Board met for the monthly meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 28. Citizen requests to implement a noise ordinance and a barking dog

ordinance were discussed and tabled for further study. The board decided to advertise to find individuals who might be interested in serving on the Appeals Board and as alternate on the Planning Board. Interested persons should call the Hanover Town Office at 364-8200.

We have not heard of many hunters who were successful hunting deer but it is reported that muzzleloader licenses were popular at the Town Office.

Christmas is coming, as evidenced by the brilliant lights and decorations appearing throughout the area.

Newry


by Sylvia Harrington
Sunday night's WVSC Christmas supper and meeting at the

Grange was well attended with 20 members and guests. The potluck supper was diversified and most enjoyable. Before the club meeting was held, Jordan Berry, playing Santa Claus, passed the exchange of gifts around. It was an enjoyable evening.

On Sunday, Karlene Bachelder and Gilberte Seeley enjoyed lunch at the Cinnamon Stick Cafè in Locke Mills.

I do wish all the readers a wonderful and loving Holiday Season.

Lately I have been having a run of mice in part of the house and have been using a Have-a-Hart trap to catch and later release them. I'm beginning to think of a more drastic way to get rid of them. Lately this quote struck my fancy. "Have you ever noticed that mice don't have shoulders." — From George Carlin.

If anyone would like to rent the Grange for a holiday event, call the Town Office at 824-3123 for scheduling.

Mason

by Richard Grover

Things were pretty quiet in Mason last week, except for the lousy weather. Friday's storm brought us two inches of rain with just a touch of snow mixed in.

We went to the movie "Happy Feet" Friday evening. If you haven't seen it, you haven't missed anything. We were disappointed and bored throughout, that a penguin who could tap-dance up a storm could save the penguin world just through his dancing.

We do have a bit of real wild-life drama, though. Beavers are building a dam on Pleasant River just below the bridge near John Applin's. There are several downed trees lying across the river, and that may make the beavers' job easier. They have also plugged a culvert under the Flat Road, just south of the Albany Town line. A small brook comes under the road there, and there is a small pond right up to the road on the west side. Last Friday's rain brought enough water to wash out much of the west shoulder, right to the edge of the pavement. On Sunday we saw a Game Warden's pickup beside the road by Applins, and I don't know if they have checked out the plugged culvert yet.

On Monday I went to the Gundrilling shop in West Bethel to machine a part for my skidding winch. There I always get invited to coffee, or to learn a new story or two.

PUBLIC HEARING

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FROM UGLY DUCKLING TO GORGEOUS GOOSE?—The mute swan that has been spending the past month on area ponds has apparently decided he, or she, is a goose. Alan Hamilton took this photo on a Greenwood pond this week as the single swan made itself at home with a flock of Canada geese. Unlike the ducks in the story of "The Ugly Duckling," the geese seem to be accepting the swan, perhaps persuaded by its size.

This time David Hanscom (Big David) beaconed me over to his machine, stating that he had something for me that I had left when I retired from the shop, about five years ago.

Curious, I went over, and he handed me a very tarnished quarter! He said, "I cleaned out the old wooden work cart you used to have here, and I found this quarter. I saved it to give to you because I knew you must have missed it."

I never know what is going to be said or done to me when I go in there, but that really surprised me.

I'm trying something new for the "Mason" article this week, and will continue if the info comes in. Serena Williams and her son, Coulton, noticed that we have at least 12 children in Mason now and would like to add a "Kids Corner" to Mason news. Here is the first installment, and it is provided by Coulton.

Mason Kids Corner

By Coulton Williams

In case you have not noticed the kid population in Mason is growing. By my count there are at least 17 of us. I thought it would be cool to write about the stuff kids do. Skye, Orion, Autumn, and Gunner of the Fournier family are the newest arrivals in Mason. They live on King's Highway. I met them for the first time this past Halloween. They had really creative costumes. Welcome to town!

If any other kids have news they would like to share, please contact me at 836-6008 or

e-mail me at serenanjeff@gwi.net by Thursday. I will gladly report your information in the next edition of Mason kids.

Thought for the week: "Never answer an angry word with an angry word. It's the second one that makes the quarrel." W.A. Nance, November "Bits & Pieces."

Andover


by Melinda Averill

Hello folks, don't forget the Craft Fair on Saturday at the fire station from 10

a.m. to 3 p.m. Santa will be arriving at 1 p.m.

The Andover Food Pantry is sponsoring a Christmas party for children in Andover up to age 12. The party will take place at the Andover Town Hall on Dec. 16 from 9 to 11 a.m. There will be crafts for all the children to make and take home as well as a visit from Santa. Call 392-2281 by Dec. 11 if you have children that would like to attend the party so that they will know how many to plan for. If you are interested in helping with crafts or providing something toward the party, please call.

Congratulations to Tim and Darlene Akers on the birth of their daughter, Ella Marie, born on Nov. 15. Grandparents are Trudy and Leon Akers of Andover and Carol and Ed Haskell of Bryant Pond.

Thanks to Marshall and Vicki Meisner who have once again decorated the common for the holidays; it looks very pretty.

Happy birthday wishes this week to Jessica Putnum on

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the 8th, Francis Ellis Bailey on the 11th, and Tyler Freeman on the 12th.

On Sunday, Dec. 3, Roger and Dottie Mills were guests of honor at the Balsams, to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary (Wow!). The occasion was attended by 60 family members, including all eleven of their children and their spouses, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A lovely meal was enjoyed, followed by a carrot cake made by the Balsams bakery. A fun trivia game on Rog and Dot was made up by Brian, which we all enjoyed playing.

Have a nice weekend everyone; see you at the malls.

East Bethel



by
Nancy Mercer

Alder River Grange will have a regular meeting on Dec. 8, with a 6 p.m.

potluck supper at Lynn Mason-Courtney's home in Sudbury Village Apt. 1. The meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. This is our Christmas meeting, so please bring a food item for the Food Pantry. Our time will change after this meeting to 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.

I have noticed the gas prices are on a fast creep back up. I wonder why? I sometimes wonder if the elections the first part of November may have had something to do with the drop. My opinion only.

Mary Bean is doing OK now. She does appreciate all the calls and cards she has received.

John and Eva Coolidge had a house full for a big Thanksgiving dinner; daughter Tina and friend Brian, Betty Ann Svach and family from Massachusetts, Jason Coolidge and Rebekah Howe with daughter Kimball, Karen and David Berry of Andover, and Earl and Mona Coolidge.

Brenda Dyke's daughter, Doreen, is now living at the Corner.

Peter Haines and Nancy Mercer had Thanksgiving dinner with George Haines and daughter, Lisa. James Haines & Gray was also there.

Peter Haines had another turkey dinner later in the day with Jim Howe of Hanover.

Rudi and Barbara Honkala had Thanksgiving with Stanley Howe. Barbara and other taunt players in the area are practicing for New Year's Eve in Bethel. They will be

giving a kantele concert at the Church of the Nazarene at 7 p.m. on Dec. 31.

Diane Howe had a house full for Thanksgiving. There were Mr. and Mrs. Peter Seames, Sr., of Greenwood; Mr. and Mrs. Dustin Howe of Norway, Andrew and Savannah; Rebekah Howe and Jason Coolidge with daughter Kimball; Robert Hayes and Alyssa Howe with Skylar and Dylan of Rumford; Mike Graham and Jessica; Macy Blaisdell; P.J. Seames and Sarah of West Paris; and Mike Blaisdell.

Andre and Flossie Bernier left on Nov. 19 for South Carolina to visit with Sheila Bernier and Alexandra. Bob and Lauris Brown of Hanover went with them. They talked on the phone twice with Ryan while there. All returned home on Nov. 29.

I guess winter is coming in to stay for an extended playbill. I could really do without. I hope everyone had a good turkey day last month. Have a nice week. God Bless the Troops.

Bryant Pond



by
Alice Hoyt

We enjoyed Thanksgiving at the home of my sister and

brother-in-law, Leatrice and John Chase, Locke Mills. Present were most of her family and part of mine. About 25 were present.

Bob Hoyt and Sadie, the dog, visited us on Thanksgiving. On Saturday evening for supper, we celebrated Charlene's and Maggie's birthdays. Present were Jim, Charlene, Maggie and Joseph; Beth and Steve; JoAnn, David and Shawn; Ken and I.

Judith Grover Tent 17 Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War will meet on Monday, Dec. 11, at the home of Alice Hoyt for second nomination of officers and a Christmas party. Bring a gift to exchange and it's a tasting party.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., morning worship at 10:30 a.m., choir practice at 5 p.m. and evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is prayer meeting and Thursday morning at 9:30 is Ladies Bible Study. There will be Christmas caroling on Saturday, Dec. 9, from 1 to 4 p.m.

The Whitman Memorial Library speaker for the month

of December will be held on Thursday, Dec. 14, at 10 a.m. Speaker is Tineke Ouwinga. She will speak on her experiences in the Netherlands before and during World War II. All are welcome and there is no charge.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Raymond Swan.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet on Thursday, Dec. 7 (today), at the Legion Hall. Meeting is at 11 a.m.; dinner is put on by the Legion Auxiliary and, if you wish, you may exchange cards and gifts. Food items may be brought for the Food Pantry and a gift for Christmas for Kids.

Historical Society

The Historical Society Museum offers everything you could imagine on the town of Woodstock. It clearly reflects the life of the community. The society is always glad to add anything else on the town that you care to donate. You determine what they have to offer in that regard.

The museum has autographed photos of famous singers and musicians connected with the Summer Music Camp years ago. C. Mortimer Wiske and his wife ran it. He was a famous conductor in New York and New Jersey. They also have a number of handsome musical instruments in their collections.

Mary Billings cooked a large, nice Thanksgiving dinner for Larry and Paul. Really good at her age.

Larry attended the Universalist Church at West Paris. A Quaker spoke. Mary and Larry ate at Bethel's Best and Larry talked to his friend, Jay, across the street.

The Historical Society meets on the second Saturday in December at the Town Office conference room at 6 p.m. for a potluck supper followed by

nor Farrington, Charlie Adams, Ralph and Lorene Mills, Arthur Adams, Lorraine Larson, and Andre Adams.

Miranda and Mathew Conkright are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, Friday, Nov. 24, at Stephens Memorial Hospital in Norway. She weighed in at 7 pounds, 15 ounces, is 19 inches long, joins a brother, Richard Joseph McLean III, age 7, and has been named Blythe.

Thursday, Lorraine Larson had lunch with Crystal Lake and Christy DeFiore at a restaurant in Rumford and then did some shopping at the Mexico Shopping Center.

South Woodstock



by
Andrea Wing

The family of Cleo Ryerson would like to invite all family and friends

to join them in celebrating her 80th birthday (12/06/06) on Sunday, Dec. 10 from 2 to 4 p.m. at her home in South Woodstock.

Our family gathered Thanksgiving Day at our home here in South Woodstock; there were nine in all. Grandchildren Sarah Hart, Doug and Ryan Wing went to others for the day. We all had a good time and had plenty to eat. Everyone helped getting the food cooked and on the table. Landon Komalinen had his first Thanksgiving; he is 10 months old.

Phelps and Joan Poland had 18 at their Thanksgiving dinner that was held at Phil and Terry Merrill's. Children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren joined them for dinner. Jim Dunn also joined them for the dinner.

Jerald Mason is back working after surgery on his back; he said it is much better.

Craig Moore and Bridy have bought Yogi and Lola's home here on the hill. We welcome them.

Kendall Hill and mom, Vicki, made the front page of the Sunday paper; they were caught watching the parade in South Paris.

For the first time in many years Tommy and Genneth Berryment had their whole family home for Thanksgiving. Those attending were Tommy and Genneth, Bryant Pond; Roger Berryment, Carol Thomas and Kystal from New Hampshire; Tony and

READY FOR THE AT

Pam Rugg of Albany put in her last day of workouts at Ellie's Express in Bethel this week before she heads south. Rugg, who winters in Florida, will start hiking the Appalachian Trail in Georgia in March, with her husband, Carlton. Over the past year, Rugg has been working to lose weight and get in shape for the Georgia-to-Maine trek, which she plans to do in two parts. Behind her is a map of the trail that she is using to track her progress. For regular updates, watch Sheila Dyke's Albany column beginning in March.

(Photo: A. Aloisio)



the December meeting of the Oxford County Republican Committee, which will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 12, in Otisfield at the Christian Alliance Church, Route 121, across from the Spurr's Corner Fire Barn. A social hour will begin at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. followed by the meeting and program.

The Lincoln Day dinner scheduled for Feb. 24, 2007 in Bethel at the Bethel Inn Conference Center will also be discussed and the featured speaker announced.

The next meeting of the Oxford County Republican Committee will be held on Jan. 9 and feature the election of officers for the next two years.

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Later that day, all chamber members and Mt. Explorer sponsors are invited to attend the Mt. Explorer Kick-Off party, which begins at 4:30 p.m. at the Bethel Inn Resort. The party will proceed to the Suds Pub, then Sunday River Brewing Co., the Matterhorn Ski Bar and finishing up at the Shipyard Brewhaus at White Cap Base Lodge. The Mt. Explorer will provide a ride back to Bethel village. In addition, the Matterhorn Ski Bar invites everyone to a two-hour Business After Hours reception at their place from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., just in case you do not want to attend the Mt. Explorer party.

Thanks are extended to all those who donated Theme Wreaths: Austin's Holidae House, Bethel Citizen, Bethel Historical Society, Bethel Inn Resort, Carol Savage Photography, Designs, Ellie's and Andy's Workout Express (and White's Wreaths), Casablanca Cinema, Funky Red Barn, Haagaard's Den, Healing Touch Therapeutic Massage,

or you want to stay at the Matterhorn for longer. This is a chance to celebrate an anticipated great winter season to come!

Many thanks to all those who participated in the Taste of Bethel and Theme Wreath Auction and the volunteers who were integral to its success. The food at the Taste of Bethel was exemplary this year. Many thanks to: S.S. Milton, Sud's Pub, 22 Broad Street at the Gideon Hastings House, Rooster's Roadhouse, Jolly Drayman, Gringo Harry's, Liam's, Funky Red Barn, Sunday River Brewing Co., New York Pizza, Shipyard Brewhaus, The Victoria, The Bethel Inn Resort, B-B-Q Bob's, The Good Food Store and Bethel's Best. All attending the event mentioned that they thought this one was the best yet.

Volunteers that made the event possible are: David Friedman, Dan and Doug Zinchuk, Will Cramphill, Colleen Files, Marcia Foster-Austin, Sharon Haendel, Bob McCartney, Laurence Austin, Steve Wight, Lynn Saxton, Joyce Roma, Ellen Crocker, Susan Herlihy, Ellie Andrews, Al Cressy. A hearty thanks to Gould Academy for the use of the tables and to Telstar High School for being the host to the event.

Many thanks to Oxford Networks who provided the free wagon rides once again this week and to The Bethel Citizen, who is providing them this coming Saturday, Dec. 9.

*From
Bethel Lions Club*

The Bethel Lions Club thanks Mel Alexander for his informative presentation on Maine Handicapped Skiing,

given at the 2nd Zone 8 meeting, hosted by the Bethel Lions.

Alexander started out at Maine Handicapped Skiing as a participant and he continued in the program as a volunteer. Mel is now training to teach people with physical disabilities to enjoy the outdoors.

MHS's mission is to provide year-round adaptive education and training to children and adults with physical disabilities in order to develop skills and provide enjoyment through active recreation. He explained about raising monies to replace an older Ski-Doo Snowmobile to use in this program. Mel has managed to raise more than half of the needed monies. If anyone would like to donate to this project, you can e-mail sfrroop@megalink.net, or call 824-2107 for the donation form required to have the money sent for the exclusive use for the purchase of the snowmobile.

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*From
Oxford County
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SCOUTING FOR BOTTLES AND CANS—Members of Bethel Girl Scout Troop 1116 held a bottle drive Saturday at the SAD44 bus garage to raise funds for their troop. Pictured are, from left: Hannah Wheeler, Rose Wright, Samantha Tibbetts, Mariah Bundy and Desirae Cox.

(Photo: A. Aloisio)

catic Committee will host a Volunteer Appreciation dinner on Thursday, Dec. 14, at the Eagles Hall in Rumford, featuring homemade chicken and pie and an assortment of holiday desserts.

Governor John E. Baldacci will be attending the event to express his appreciation for the effort Oxford County Democrats made in his re-election campaign, and Congressman Mike Michaud will be represented as well.

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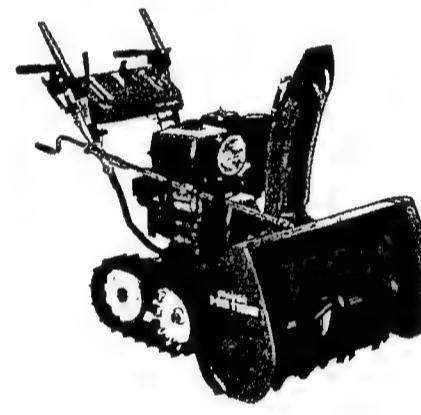
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The social hour will begin at 5 p.m. and supper at 5:30. There will be no charge for the dinner for campaign volunteers. Individuals who did not volunteer are also welcome to attend and donations will be accepted. To become involved with activities of the Oxford County Democrats visit the website, www.oxforddem.org or call Cathy Newell at 875-2116.

From

Western Mountains Senior College

Western Mountains Senior Players, under the direction of Lynn Arizzi, returns with another fun-filled fall performance to be held on Sunday, Dec. 10 at 2:30 p.m. at Gould Academy's McLaughlin Auditorium in the Science Build-

ing.

The seven comedy and dramatic one-act plays follow:

"Ladies at Lunch" is a comedy about six ladies who terrorize a waiter and manager of a local restaurant played by Jodi Carter, Leigh Dickinson, Sharon Lyon, Karen Paul, Lynn Mason and Rosabelle Tiffet. Joe Arizzi is the waiter and Read Dickinson, manager.

"I Wanna Be a Cowboy" features Leigh Dickinson as a sweet, shy gal from Arkansas and Read Dickinson as a big, burly guy on a bus trip to Texas.

"Lemonade Stand" features Lynn Mason and Joe Arizzi in a discussion about a lemonade stand in a poor part of town.

"Sorry, Wrong Number" features Lorrie Hoeh as an invalid who overhears the planning of a murder and Mary Colbath as the disinterested police lieutenant. The entire cast has supporting roles.

"The Employment Agent" has Sharon Lyon as the employment agent interviewing a mime played by Karen Paul.

"Variations on the Death of Trotsky" features Joe Arizzi, Rosabelle Tiffet and Jodi Carter in a comedy of seven variations on the way Trotsky could have died.

"Bye, Bye Brevoort" is a British comedy featuring

three older ladies, Mary Colbath, Lorrie Hoeh and Rosabelle Tiffet, having tea with their gentleman friend, Joe Arizzi, totally unaware that the Hotel Brevoort is being torn down. Sharon Lyon plays the perky maid. Other characters include Karen Paul, Read Dickinson, Jodi Carter, Leigh Dickinson and the carrier pigeon played by Bronson, Lynn Mason's companion/guide dog.

The audience will note that players carry their scripts with them, as no memorization of lines is required. Lynn Arizzi says this makes the players different from regular theater groups. However, as in all theater companies, the players follow stage directions, use props and develop the characters they are portraying.

Senior players are sponsored as a course by Western Mountains Senior College and open to all members as one of a variety of courses and programs offered for adults ages 50 and over. For more information, call Lynn at 824-0080.

Workshop On Bellydance

Janet Willie, LMT, will present a workshop on "The Art of Bellydance" on Saturday, Dec. 9, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Gehring House.

Janet tells us bellydance engages the entire body from head to toe making it a fun and

healthy choice for exercise. She said the flowing movement of bellydance massages the body's joints while gently stretching the muscles, ligaments and tendons. The movement form helps a person be more graceful and decreases strain on the body. "It's also a nice cardiovascular and toning exercise and a delightful experience," Janet adds.

Janet has been teaching belly dance since 1998 with classes in Bethel and Rumford. She has studied the dance form with a variety of teachers from around the country. A practicing massage therapist for the past 15 years, her teaching is supported by a strong education in movement theory and anatomy and physiology.

This workshop is part of the To Your Health fall series sponsored by Western Mountains Senior College and SAD44 Community Education in collaboration with the Bethel Family Health Center. Anyone interested in learning more about bellydance is invited to attend this free workshop. For more information, call 824-2053 or 824-8610.

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Whitman Memorial Library

Tineke Ouwinga of Bethel will be the guest speaker at the

Whitman Memorial Library in Bryant Pond on Thursday, Dec. 14, at 10 a.m. She will be speaking about growing up in the Netherlands and her experience living in Nazi-occupied Holland during World War II.

The program is open to the public at no charge and light refreshments will be served. Please join us. All are welcome.

celebration. Everyone is welcome.

At 7:30 p.m. this event will be followed by a special gathering in the meeting room of

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Notice of Public Hearing

The Woodstock Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing, pursuant to MRSA Title 23 sub. 2953 (2), on MONDAY December 18, 2006 at 5:30 PM at the Woodstock Town Office Conference Room to hear discussion and take comments on the proposed OPENING of Concord Pond Road to Winter Maintenance. This proposal is a result of a request from a majority of the Residents and Property Owners in the Concord Pond Area.

The opening would include that section of road from the Milton Town Line to the Peru Town Line. Dated at Woodstock, Maine this 5th day of December 2006.

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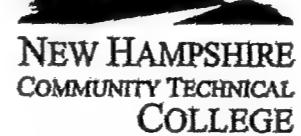
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Holiday Season Gets Underway



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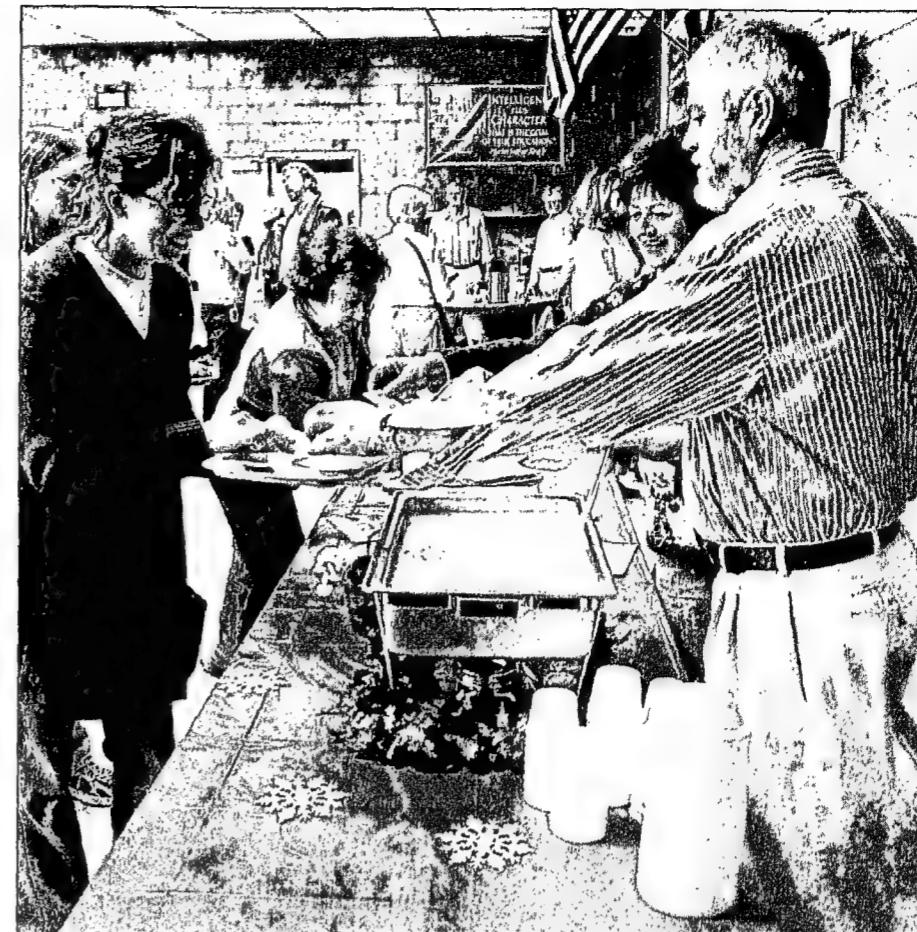
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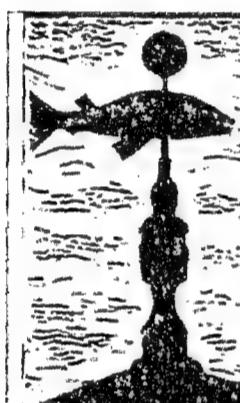
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Clockwise, from left: Barbara Douglass pours tea for Amy Davis at the West Parish Congregational Church's Christmas Fair and Tea; Scott Mills of Bethel's Best serves food at the Taste of Bethel and Theme Wreath Silent Auction at Telstar; wreaths at the auction.



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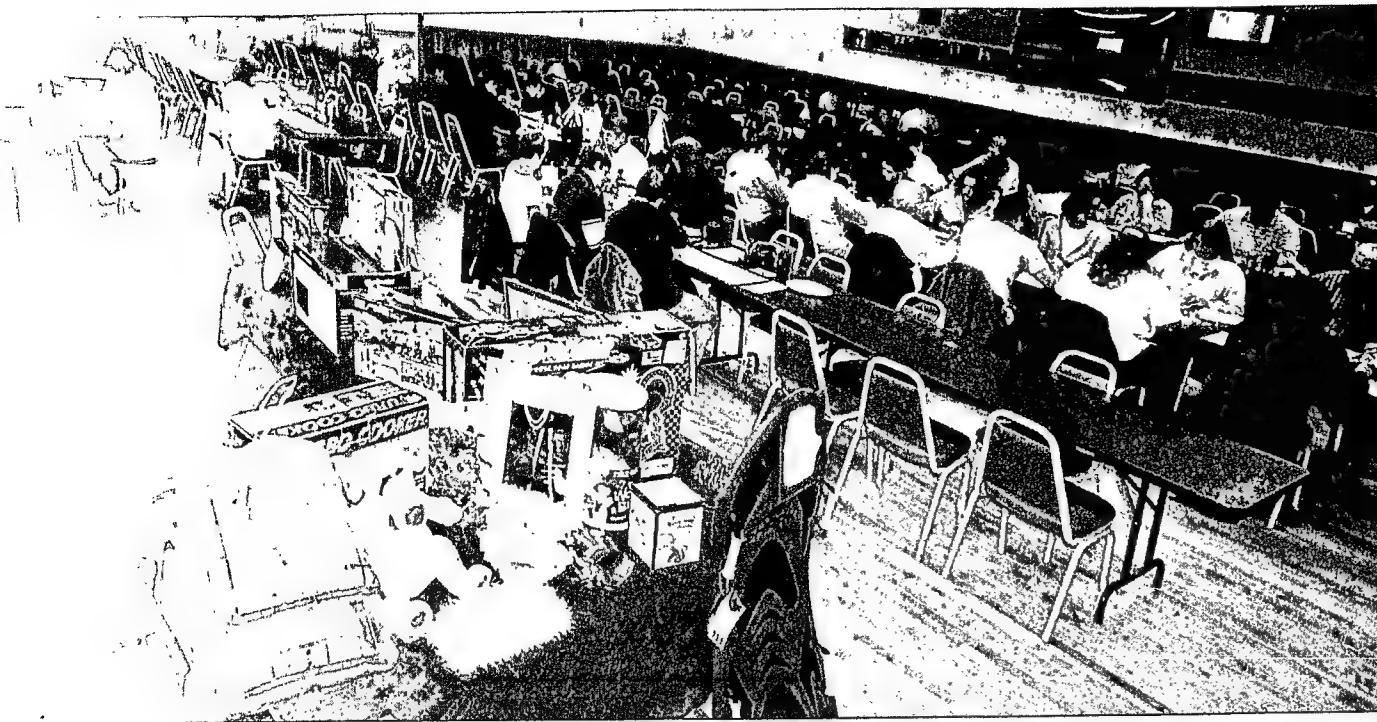
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(Christmas photos: Bingo, M. Daniels; others, A. Aloisio)



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Briefly

Thefts from parked cars in Newry

NEWRY—A total of roughly \$8,000 worth of items were stolen from vehicles in parking lots at Sunday River Ski Resort and the Great Grizzly restaurant Saturday evening, according to Deputy Mike Halacy of the Oxford County Sheriff's Department. Halacy declined to specify what the items were, but said that two pocketbooks were later recovered alongside the road. Items were taken from between six and eight vehicles, all of which were unlocked, he said. The case is still under investigation.

Food pantry by appointment

BETHEL—The Bethel Food Pantry has announced that for families and individuals in need of assistance the Food Pantry is now available once a month by appointment only. The Food Pantry offers food and personal hygiene products and also accepts donations. Contact Dave Bean or Brooke Libby at 824-0369 or Maryvonne Wheeler at 836-3700, extension 203.

New boys' basketball program

BETHEL—Signups/first session at Telstar gym for fifth- and sixth-grade boys' recreational basketball will take place Saturday, Dec. 9, at 10 a.m. The program is being established in part because of a very large turnout for Telstar Middle School teams, and is expected to run at least through January, on Saturdays. For more information call Mark Thurlow at 674-3698.

Nielsen on suicide watch

PORLAND—The suspect in the Labor Day weekend killing spree near the Sunday River ski resort was placed on a suicide watch Tuesday after being treated for self-inflicted wounds, officials said. Cumberland County Sheriff Mark Dion said 30 sutures were required to close the wounds on Christian Nielsen's scalp. Nielsen used a disposable razor Tuesday morning to make the cuts that resembled the letter "X," Dion said. The cook is charged with killing three women and dismembering their bodies at the Black Bear Bed & Breakfast in Newry. He's also charged with killing an Arkansas man and dumping his body in the woods in Upton. The state attorney general's office and state police department are reviewing the facts that led to the latest jail incident. The sheriff's department will lead a separate investigation for any potential violations of internal policies and procedures. Nielsen, held on four murder counts, was moved to the Cumberland County Jail after he allegedly attacked an inmate at the Oxford County Jail days after his arrest. His trial is tentatively set to start next October.

Legion baseball returns to Rumford

RUMFORD—Rumford is expected to field an American Legion baseball team beginning in the 2007 season. There has not been a legion team in Rumford since 1999. The team, to be known as Northern Oxford County, is expected to draw players from Mountain Valley, Telstar and Dirigo high schools.

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On June 19, 1997, the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency identified Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs) in the Town of Bethel, Oxford County, Maine, through issuance of a Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). The Mitigation Division has determined that modification of the elevations of the flood having a 1-percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year (base flood) for certain locations in this community is appropriate. The modified base flood elevations (BFEs) revise the FIRM for the community.

The changes are being made pursuant to Section 206 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (Public Law 93-234) and are in accordance with the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended (Title XIII of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Public Law 90-448), 42 U.S.C. 4001-4128, and 44 CFR Part 65.

A hydraulic analysis was performed to incorporate new topographic data and has resulted in a revised delineation of the regulatory floodway, increases and decreases in SFHA width, and increased and decreased BFEs for Twitchell Brook. The table below indicates existing and modified BFEs for selected locations along the affected lengths of the flooding sources cited above.

Location	Existing BFE (feet)*	Modified BFE (feet)*
Approximately 2,200 feet upstream of its confluence with Androscoggin River	647	648
Approximately 5,670 feet upstream of its confluence with Androscoggin River	656	654

*National Geodetic Vertical Datum, rounded to nearest whole foot

Under the above-mentioned Acts of 1968 and 1973, the Mitigation Division must develop criteria for floodplain management. To participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), the community must use the modified BFEs to administer the floodplain management measures of the NFIP. These modified BFEs will also be used to calculate the appropriate flood insurance premium rates for new buildings and their contents and for the second layer of insurance on existing buildings and contents.

Upon the second publication of notice of these changes in this newspaper, any person has 90 days in which he or she can request, through the Chief Executive Officer of the community, that the Mitigation Division reconsider the determination. Any request for reconsideration must be based on knowledge of changed conditions or new scientific or technical data. All interested parties are on notice that until the 90-day period elapses, the Mitigation Division's determination to modify the BFEs may itself be changed.

Any person having knowledge or wishing to comment on these changes should immediately notify:

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Thursday, December 7, 2006

The Bethel Citizen

Events Calendar

9 a.m. (Fridays) Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge at Para Share Food Coop, 443 Main Street, Norway. For more information, call Mimi Bell (743-8081) or Rowena Palmer (743-2882) or e-mail bridge@meagelink.net.

The Mahoosuc Land Trust fall mini-eBay auction is up and running. All you need to do is to go to the MLT website, www.mahoosuc.org and click the eBay auction icon at the top of the page. All benefits the Land Trust.

Public Skating at Hebron Academy's Robinson Arena through March 4, 2007 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Cost: \$1 for 12 and under and \$2 for everyone else. Parking at arena parking lot just off Route 119.

Thursday, Dec. 7

Christmas with the Masons at Bethel Historical Society's Mason House period rooms (donations accepted). Music and refreshments. Historical video and exhibits and Museum at Robinson House.

December 7 thru 20

Trees and Trains at McLaughlin Foundation, South Paris. The house and barn will be decked out for the Holidays. The train is set up by Maine Garden Railway Society; added this year is Portland Train Station. \$3 for members, \$5 for nonmembers, children under 12 are \$3 and children under 5 are free. FMI: 743-8820.

Friday, Dec. 8

5 to 7 p.m. — **Dinner and Dance for Billy Holt** at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. Dance 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Dinner only, adults \$7 and \$4 for 12 and under. Dance only, adults \$5 and \$1 for 12 and under. Dinner and dance: \$10 for adults and \$5 for 12 and under. FMI: 935-2546.

5:30 p.m. — **Public Supper** at Blazing Star Lodge, Route 232, Rumford. Gift-o-rama immediately after the meal. Supper is \$6 and the raffle chances are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

5:30 to 7:30 p.m. — **Holiday Open House and Live Holiday Mannequins** in Downtown Berlin, N.H. Downtown windows will be full of holiday decorations including eight windows with live holiday performances by Theatre North, Carolers and a visit from Santa downtown along with food and refreshments.

7 p.m. — **Tree of Caring** lighting ceremony at Maine Veterans' Home, 477 High Street, South Paris. Music and refreshments following.

7 p.m. — **Holistic Film Series**. Quality films with heart and soul followed by discussion at Telstar High School Library. This month: "The Face." An old man tells stories to neighborhood children until his age and health dictate he must find a replacement. Length: 23 minutes. Also: "Ryan's Well." A documentary about Ryan Hreljac, a young boy who raised money to drill a well for a Ugandan village in Africa. Length: 23 minutes. Free. Donations gratefully accepted. Sponsored by the Western Maine Holistic Health Council. FMI: 824-2204.

December 8 and 9

7:30 p.m. — "Bab Hoonchbach" will be featured at The Oddfellow Theater, Buckfield. Moto Hoonchbach stars as Scrooge and puts his own spin on this classic tale. Tickets: \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors, \$6 for children 12 and under. FMI or tickets: 336-3306 or e-mail info@oddfellow.com.

Saturday, Dec. 9

9:30 to 11:30 a.m. — "The Art of Belly Dancing" will be presented by Janet Willie, LMT, Therapeutic Massage, at her Bethel studio (location is subject to change). Sponsored by Western Mountains Senior College. Willie will explain how full movement of one's body through belly dancing enhances one's health and spirit.

10 a.m. — **Recreational Basketball Signups**/first session at Telstar gym for 5th and 6th grade boys. Program is being established in part because of a very large turnout for Telstar Middle School teams, and is expected to run at least through January on Saturdays. FMI: call Mark Thurlow at 674-3698.

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. — **Craft Fair** at Andover Fire Station. Santa arrives at 1 p.m. Tables: Elaine, 392-1140.

2 and 7 p.m. — "The Princess and the Pea," will be held at Crescent Park Elementary School, Bethel. Approximately 50 local children, grades kindergarten through fifth grade, appear in the show with CSA actors/educators Mary Bailey and Kristi McCarson. Tickets at 824-2822 before Nov. 29.

the door are \$8 students/\$10 adults/\$12 special reserved seating. FMI: Call 824-2839 FMI: Princess and the Pea is sponsored in part by the Andover, Crescent Park and Woodstock PTAs, Mahoosuc Arts Council and Nickelodeon's Let's Just Play giveaway.

2 p.m. — **John McDonald**, author of "down the road a piece: A Storyteller's Guide to Maine" will sign copies of his book and offer his new CD, "Ain't He Some Funny! The Best of John McDonald," at Books N Things, 130 Main Street, Bethel. FMI: 824-0275.

5:30 p.m. — **Pubic Supper at Bethel Methodist Church.** Following supper, a memorial Christmas tree will be lighted. Anyone who would like to honor or memorialize someone is invited to purchase a light on the tree. All names of those honored will be read at the ceremony, which will be held at 6:30 p.m. Please send \$5 for each Christmas light, including the name of the person to be honored, to Bethel United Methodist Church, PO Box 387, Bethel, ME 04217. FMI: call Musa at 824-2483.

7 to 10 p.m. — **Old Time Dance** at Locke Mills Town Hall with music by the Richard Felt Orchestra. Benefit of the Greenwood Historical Society. Come and enjoy.

Sunday, Dec. 10

9:30 to 10:30 a.m. — "Reason for the Season" program at Bethel United Methodist Church to teach children about the importance of the birth of Jesus Christ and its connection to the Christmas Season. All ages may participate in this special educational class, to celebrate Advent and the Christmas Holiday.

2:30 p.m. — **Western Mountains Senior Players** fall production of comical and serious skits at Gould Academy McLaughlin Auditorium, Bethel. Senior Players are directed by Lynn Arizzi and sponsored by Western Mountains Senior College. The public is invited and admission is free. FMI, call Lynn at 824-0080.

5 to 6:30 p.m. — **Benefit Supper for Robin Chandler and children** at Locke Mills Legion Hall. This family lost everything they owned in a fire. Donations and gifts can be brought to the supper. The children are a girl in the seventh grade, a girl in the fifth grade, and a boy in the second grade. Mom can use small appliances, bedding, towels, etc. Supper menu: home baked beans, casseroles, cole slaw, salad, rolls and pie. Price: \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. FMI: call Doreen at 674-2346.

Monday, Dec. 11

7 p.m. — **Mahoosuc Community Band Winter Concert** at West Parish Congregational Church, Church Street, Bethel.

Tuesday, Dec. 12

Noon — **Bethel Rotary Club Senior Citizen Christmas Luncheon** at Locke Mills Legion Hall.

5:30 p.m. — **Oxford County Republican Committee meeting** at the Christian Alliance Church, Route 121, across from the Spur's Corner Fire Barn in Ossifield. Dinner will be 6:30 p.m. followed by the meeting and program.

6 to 8 p.m. — **Reiki Share Group**. Open to Reiki Practitioners of all levels and lineages at SpiritWings, 57 Main Street, Bethel. FMI: 824-2204.

Wednesday, Dec. 13

7:30 to 9 a.m. — **Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce December Networking Breakfast** at Bethel Inn Resort. All are invited. Guest speaker Norm Clanton will present the Region 9 proposal and answer any questions. Dr. David Murphy, SAD44 superintendent will speak to how this proposal will affect the school's budget. RSVP to the chamber office, 824-2282, by Tuesday, Dec. 12, is essential.

11 a.m. — **Bethel Senior Citizens Club Christmas Party** at Bethel Inn. Dinner cost: \$9 for members and \$11 for nonmembers. Music by the Banjo Band. Ladies bring gift for lady and men for a man. Those planning to attend should call Dot York at 824-2093 or Mary Paine at 824-2822 before Nov. 29.

Thursday, Dec. 14

"Extraordinary Customer Service" workshop created by Maine Hospitality and Tourism Alliance and Maine Community College System, in cooperation



Children's Stage to Perform "The Princess and the Pea"

Kristi McCarson (left) and Mary Bailey (right) of the Children's Stage seen here as the page and the queen, will be performing "The Princess and the Pea" along with 50 Bethel area children on December 9 at 2:00 PM and 7:00

PM at Crescent Park School in Bethel. Tickets at the door are \$8 students/\$10 adults/\$12 special reserved seating. Call 207 824-2839 FMI. Princess and the Pea is sponsored in part by the Andover, Crescent Park and Woodstock PTAs, Mahoosuc Arts Council and Nickelodeon's Let's Just Play giveaway.

with Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce. This one-day workshop is designed for organizations interested in learning best practices techniques for improving service excellence. Where: Bethel Inn Resort, Broad Street. Space limited; call 824-2282 (BACC) by Dec. 8 to register.

Orono County Democrats Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at Rumford Eagles Hall. Social Hour: 5 p.m.; Chicken Pie Dinner 6:30 p.m. Governor Baldacci will attend. No charge for volunteers; others welcome on donation basis. FMI: call Cathy Newell, 875-2116.

Wednesday, Dec. 15

5 to 6:30 p.m. — **Learn the Gentle Art of Baby Massage** with instructor Sharon Lyon, licensed massage therapist at Blue Moon Midwives and Women's Health Services, 176 Main Street, Norway. Mom, baby and dad invited to this special "hands-on" event, second in a free women's health series offered by Cathy Heffernan, CNM and Jane Mills, CNM. Bring a blanket. To reserve your place call Blue Moon Midwives and Women's Health Care 739-2800. Refreshments will be served. FMI: visit bluemoonmidwives.com.

December 15 and 16

7:30 p.m. — "Bab Hoonchbach" will be featured at The Oddfellow Theater, Buckfield. Moto Hoonchbach stars as Scrooge and puts his own spin on this classic tale. Tickets: \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors, \$6 for children 12 and under. FMI or tickets: 336-3306 or e-mail info@oddfellow.com.

2 to 4 p.m. — **Horse-drawn wagon rides**, by Deerwood Farm, beginning on Bethel Common. Sponsored by Cross Excavation.

7 p.m. — **Waterford Library Christmas community**

gathering for families will be held on Waterford Common with candlelight caroling and proceeding to the library for refreshments. Children will have an opportunity to visit with Santa and will receive a book as a gift.

Sunday, Dec. 17

4 p.m. — **Christmas Cantata, "Wise Men Seek Him Still,"** will be held at Locke Mills Union Church. This is a choir of mixed voices from area churches under the direction of Beverly Melville. Refreshments following in the fellowship room. Everyone is welcome.

5 p.m. — **Living Nativity on Bethel Common.** Live animals. Singing of Christmas carols. Anyone who would like to participate please call Drew Webster at 824-2715.

Wednesday, Dec. 20

7 p.m. — **Spiritual Book Group**. This month: The Celestine Prophecy by James Redfield; an ongoing discussion. The Fountain of Wisdom, 15 Tyler Street, Bethel. FMI: 824-2204.

It's always wise to call ahead

Listings in The Citizen's weekly Community Calendar are compiled from a wide variety of sources. While we do our utmost to ensure the reliability of the information presented here, we recognize that when dealing with such a large volume of material, some inaccuracies will occasionally creep in. And in other cases, a sponsoring organization's plans may change between the time The Citizen is printed and the event is held. Accordingly, we strongly urge our readers to call ahead to verify the details of any event they plan to attend. Doing so will greatly reduce the chance of disappointment or needless inconvenience.

Support Services**ABUSED WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT**

AWAP serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5086; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

AA MEETINGS

Bethel Freedom Group's Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's Speaker/Discussion Meeting, Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's 12 Step/Traditions Meeting, Fridays at 7:30pm at Bethel United Methodist Church.

ADDICTION HELP

Narconon, a nonprofit public benefit organization that specializes in helping people with drug or alcohol addictions offers FREE assessments and more than 11,000 local referrals through the 800 line. Drug addiction can be overcome and Narconon can help. Call (800) 558-8885 or visit www.drugrehab.net.

ALCOHOL & DRUG COUNSELING

Alcohol and drug counseling, Saturdays at Bethel Counseling Center, 16 Parkway (Professional Building). Tom Kelly, LADC, 357-7354

EXCHANGES

District Exchange Community Thrift Shop accepts donations of in-season clothing in clean, wearable condition only. Drop-off hours and shopping: Monday 1-4pm, Thursday 4-6pm and Saturday, 10am-12pm.

The Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist Church Community Service Center announces that individuals or families requiring assistance with food needs in the South Woodstock, Bryant Pond, West Paris and Sumner areas are invited to call 674-2566, 674-2663, or 665-2226 to learn more details.

MS SUPPORT GROUP

Meets the first Friday of the month from 1-2:30pm at the West Parish Congregational Church, next to

MENTAL ILLNESS SUPPORT GROUP

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5pm; Tuesday 9am-2pm; Wednesday 9am-6pm; Wednesday 3-8pm; Friday 2-7pm; Saturday 11am-4pm. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8am-4pm. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

POST PARTUM SUPPORT GROUP

"Meet the Midwives" meets from 5:30-6 every first Tuesday of the month, and the Post Partum Support Group meets every fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:30-7:30. The meetings take place at Blue Moon Midwives, 176 Main Street, Norway, directly across from Stephen's Memorial Hospital. For more information, call 207-739-2800 or visit www.bluemoonmidwives.com

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

VETERANS' SERVICES (STATE/VA BENEFITS)

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, first and third Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Rumford Employ. Sec. Bldg. (364-3718), second and fourth Thursday 9-12 noon; Lewiston (795-4590), 25 Westminster St., 7:30am to 4pm, Monday thru Friday. Location: Monday-Sunday School 2:45-4:15pm. Tel. 392-4841.

WEST BETHEL UNION

- am worship and 1 p.m. Sunday School. For information, call 353-8328 Rev. Earl H. Bell.

Pleasant Valley Bible

- Pastor Aaron McNally 9 a.m. Sunday school. In am worship.

United Methodist - Geoffroy Gross, Pastor 10 a.m. worship. Child care available. Prayer Tuesday, 8 a.m. FMI call 824-0550.

Lutheran - Lady of the Snows. Effective Oct. 14; Saturday mass will be at 4:30pm. Rev. Angelo Levesque 364-4536.

United Methodist - Geoffroy Gross, Pastor 10 a.m. Sunday worship. Child care available. Prayer Tuesday, 8 a.m. FMI call 824-0550.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister. 507 Walker's Mills Road, Route 26, Bethel. Worship at 9 a.m. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

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THURSDAY EVENING DECEMBER 7, 2006

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30		
(3) Fortune	Jeopardy!	Dr. Phil	Jeopardy!	News	Frasier	Frasier	South Park	South Park				
(32) Santa Is Coming to Town		Movie: "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban"			The 700 Club							
(6) 207 Mag	Inside	Name Earl	Name Earl	Scrubs	30 Rock	ER	News					
(8) Fortune	Jeopardy!	Ugly Betty	Grey's Anatomy	Men in Trees		News						
(10) News-Lehrer	Maine Experience	Alison Krauss and Union Station Live	Austin City Limits	C. Rose								
(22) 2006 College Football Awards Show		College Basketball: Alabama at Notre Dame		SportsCenter								
(34) CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	TNA IMPACT!	UFC Unleashed	UFC Unleashed								
(13) Entertain	The Insider	Survivor: Cook Islands	CSI: Crime Scn	Shark	News							
(41) Tailgate	Four Downs	Poker Superstars	Best Damn Sports Show	Sports	Sports	Best Damn Sports Show						
(15) Real Sports	Inside the NFL	Movie: "Hide and Seek"		Shepherd	Real Sex							
(17) Phil	So Raven	Movie: "The Cheetah Girls"	Life Derek	Phil	Suite Life	So Raven						
(18) Robin Hood-of Thieves	Movie: "Constantine"		Movie: "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory"									
(20) NHL Hockey	Toronto Maple Leafs at Boston Bruins	Bruins	SportsDesk	Be a Bruin	SportsDesk	SportsPlus						
(44) Still Sind	Still Sind	Reba	Reba	Movie: "Recipe for a Perfect Christmas"	Will-Grace	Will-Grace						
(5) Raymond	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Movie: "Snow Day"							
(24) Mikey	Neutron	SpongeBob	Drake	Full House	Fresh Pr.	Cosby	Roseanne	Roseanne				
(25) "Miracle on 34th Street"	Movie: "The Green Berets"				"Halls of Montezuma"							
(26) Law Order: Cl	Law & Order: SVU	Law Order: Cl	Law Order: Cl	Law Order: Cl								
(27) CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	The First 48	Kansas City SWAT	Gangsta Girls								
(12) Funniest Home Videos	RoboCop: Prime Directives Part Two - Meltdown	WGN News at Nine	Sex & City	Scrubs								
(39) The Situation Room	Paula Zahn Now	Larry King Live	Anderson Cooper 360									

FRIDAY EVENING DECEMBER 8, 2006

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30		
(3) Fortune	Jeopardy!	Dr. Phil	Jeopardy!	News	Frasier	Frasier	South Park	South Park				
(32) Jack Frost	Movie: "The Polar Express"		Movie: "The Polar Express"									
(6) 207 Mag	Inside	1 vs. 100	Las Vegas	Law & Order	News							
(8) Fortune	Jeopardy!	Funniest Home Videos	Primetime	20/20	News							
(10) News-Lehrer	Wash Wk	Maine	NOW	Funny Women-Routledge	Wait God	My Family	Monty Python					
(22) SportsCtr.	NBA	NBA Basketball: Washington Wizards at Philadelphia 76ers	NBA Basketball: Heat at Nuggets									
(34) CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	Prisoners Out of Control	Game Head								
(13) Entertain	The Insider	Red-Nosed Reindeer	Frosty	Frosty	NUMB3RS	News						
(41) Celtics	NBA Basketball: Phoenix Suns at Boston Celtics	Sports	Tailgate	Four Downs								
(15) Inside the NFL	The Wire	The Wire	The Wire	Comic Relief 2006								
(17) That's So Raven	Suite Life	Suite Life	Movie: "Big Fat Liar"	Movie: "Big Fat Liar"								
(18) "Extreme Measures"	Movie: "The Shadow"	MAX on Set	Movie: "Wedding Crashers"									
(20) Port O' Call	Outdoors	Outdoors	Running	Biscuit	SportsDesk	Weekly	SportsDesk	SportsPlus				
(44) Still Sind	Still Sind	Reba	Reba	Movie: "Santa Who?"		Monarch Cove						
(5) Raymond	King	King	King	Movie: "Mean Girls"		My Boys	My Boys					
(24) SpongeBob	OddParents	Neutron	Phantom	SpongeBob	Mikey	Full House	Full House	Roseanne	Roseanne			
(25) "The Green Berets"	Movie: "Hidalgo"				Halloween III-Witch							
(28) Law & Order: SVU	Movie: "The Bourne Identity"		Movie: "Mission: Impossible"									
(27) CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami							
(12) Funniest Home Videos	RoboCop: Prime Directives Part Three	WGN News at Nine	Sex & City	Scrubs								
(39) The Situation Room	Paula Zahn Now	Larry King Live	Anderson Cooper 360									

SATURDAY EVENING DECEMBER 9, 2006

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30		
(3) Fortune	Jeopardy!	Movie: "Evelyn"		King	Frasier	Without a Trace						
(32) Movie: "The Polar Express"		Movie: "The Polar Express"										
(6) Maine	Holiday	Alive & Well	News	To Be Announced	Law & Order	News	Sat. Night					
(8) Fortune	Paid Prog.	Christmas That Almost	Movie: "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas"	News	CSI: Miami							
(10) Made In	Maine Exp	Second City: First Family of Comedy	Second City: First Family of Comedy	Red Green	Red Green							
(22) SportsCenter	2006 Heisman Trophy	Ali Rap	Ali's Dozen		SportsCenter							
(34) Most Amazing Videos	Movie: "Soldier"		UFC Unleashed	TNA IMPACT!								
(13) Better Life	The Insider	Criminal Minds	48 Hours Mystery		News	Da Vinci						
(41) Golf Special	NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at New Jersey Nets		Postgame	Final Score	Football Prev.							
(15) "Must Love Dogs" Cont'd	Movie: "The 40-Year-Old Virgin"		Boxing: Kassim Ouma vs. Jermain Taylor									
(17) So Raven	So Raven	Replace	Dragon	Movie: "102 Dalmatians"	Suite Life	So Raven						
(18) "Showdown" Cont'd	Movie: "Scream"		Movie: "Date Movie"		Bikini							
(20) NHL Hockey	New Jersey Devils at Boston Bruins	Bruins	SportsDesk	Biscuit	SportsDesk	Outdoors						
(44) Movie: "Home for the Holidays"		Movie: "Holiday Affair"			Desperate Housewives							
(5) "Legally Blonde" Cont'd	Movie: "Mean Girls"			My Boys	My Boys	"The School of Rock"						
(24) OddParents	SpongeBob	Drake	School	Mr. Meaty	Romeo!	Full House	Full House	Roseanne	Roseanne			
(25) Movie: "Hidalgo" Cont'd	Movie: "Conan the Barbarian"			Movie: "Commando"								
(26) Movie: "Bad Boys II" Cont'd	Movie: "The Bourne Identity"			House								
(27) Flip This House	Flip This House	Flip This House	Flip This House	Flip This House	American Justice		</td					

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Births

the Dr. Moses Mason House where former society trustee William Andrews will discuss and sign copies of his recent book, "Stealing History." Everyone is welcome and this event provides an excellent opportunity to learn more about this novel set in western Maine and acquire an autographed copy or copies just in time for holiday giving.

New Year's Bethel

Plans for New Year's Bethel are set for Dec. 31 with a wide variety of entertainment (music, humor, magic and contra dancing), marshmallow roasting on the common, horse and wagon rides, a dragon parade for children and much more. Visit the society's website to learn more at www.bethelhistorical.org.

Sponsors are still being sought for the event at various levels. Visit our website for further information on how you can help keep this family-oriented, chemical-free event one of the highlights of the season in Bethel.

Maternal grandparents are Albert and Roberta White of Albany Township. Paternal grandparents are John and Phyllis Alanskas of Albany Township. Trinity Rose joins her sister, Shannon Lee, and brother, Steven, Jr.

Sarah Villanueva of Bethel and Luis Villanueva from Durango, Mexico are proud to announce the birth of a baby girl, Kamilah Alexa Villanueva, born Aug. 10, 2006 in Cottonwood, Ariz., weighing 8 pounds, 9.5 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Sue Howe, Warren Tibbets, and Joseph Vedella.

Jill (Angevine) and Kurt Sanborn of Kenduskeag are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Makayla Rose, born at Eastern Maine Medical Center, Bangor, on Oct. 23, 2006.

Grandparents are George and Cheryl Angevine of Bethel, George and Sheila Sanborn of Dedham and Sandy Sanborn of Glenburn.

Great-grandfather is Avery Angevine of Bethel and great-grandmother is Frances Sanborn of Glenburn.

Beth and Chris Bennett of Gray are proud to announce the birth of their son, Elias Christopher, on Nov. 19, 2006 at Mercy Hospital, Portland.

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Obituaries

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He enjoyed fishing all year round. He enjoyed playing with his son, Lukas. His many nephews and nieces enjoyed playing video games with him. He married Shannon Farris on Sept. 10, 2000.

He is survived by his wife of West Paris; a son, Lukas Turner; his parents of Hermiston, Ore.; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Galen and Patricia Farris of West Paris; one sister, Lisa Turner of Lomaland, Calif.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Family and friends are invited to attend funeral services on Thursday, Dec. 7, at 10 a.m. at Oxford Hills Funeral Services, 1037 Main Street, Route 26, Oxford. The family has expressed donations be made to the Lukas Turner Fund, c/o Shannon Turner, 85 Tuelltown Road, West Paris, ME 04289.

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He enjoyed computers, boating and hunting. He had been employed as a mechanic most of his working life.

Members of the family include his son, Jim and his wife Wanda of Albany; two granddaughters, Calla Orino and India Orino, both of Albany; and cousins. He was predeceased by his sister, Jill Orino, and by his parents Romeo and Dorothy (Johnson) Orino.

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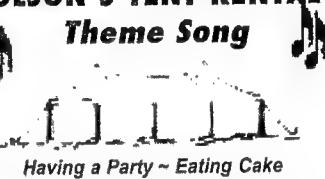
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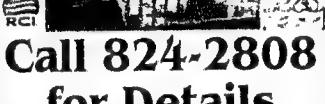
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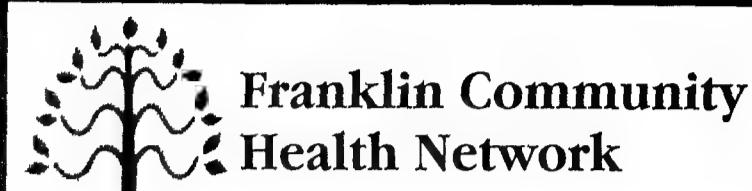
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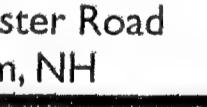
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Trinity Rose joins her sister, Shannon Lee, and brother, Steven, Jr.

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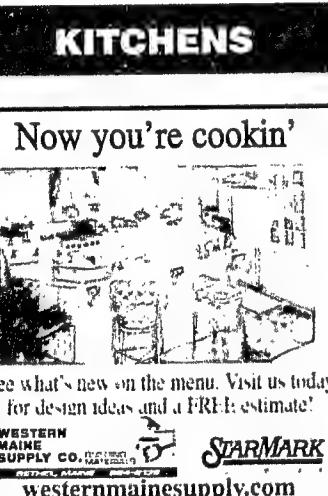
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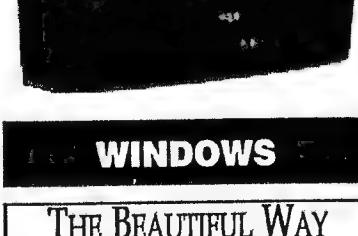

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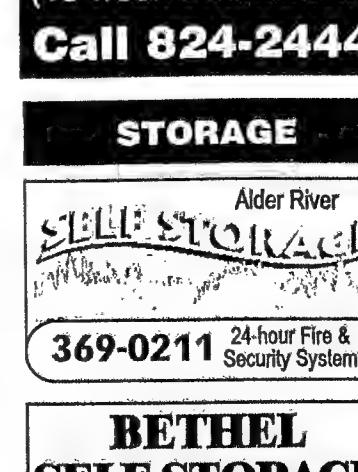
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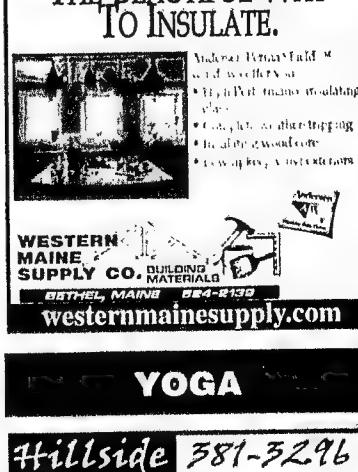
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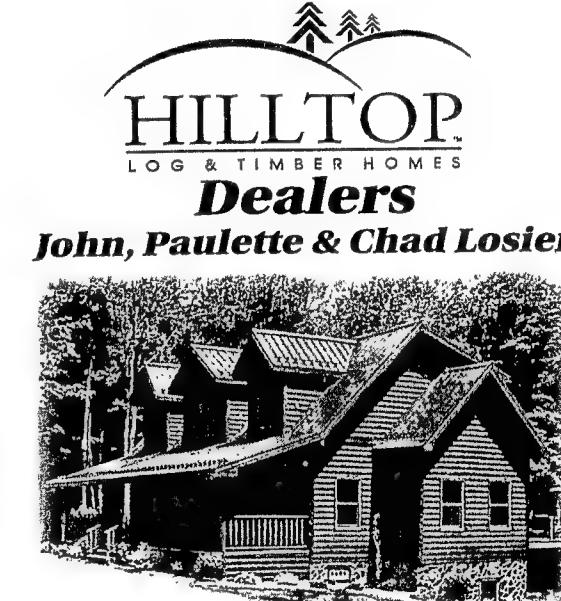
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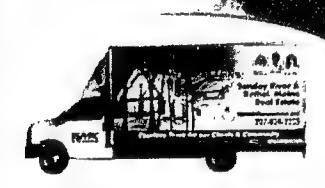
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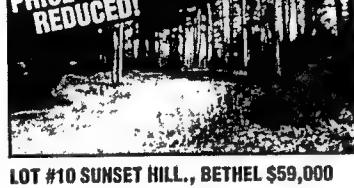
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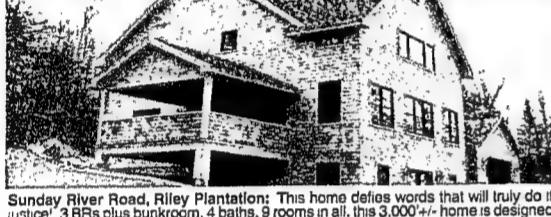
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Sunday River Road, Riley Plantation: This home defies words that will only do it justice! 3 BRs plus bunkroom, 4 baths, 9 rooms in all, this 3,000+/- home is designed to comfortably accommodate up to 12 people. From the moment you walk through the front door, you know you have wonderful sense of warmth with an open floor plan first floor & ample views of the mountains. Give Sunday River Realty a call today for more information & a viewing of this spectacular home! \$785,000



Baker's Acres, Newry: This handsome contemporary log home is located in the Sunday River's premier subdivision. The 1.33+ acre lot is fully landscaped and offers privacy and spectacular southern-exposure views of Sunday River from nearly every room. The home also features a large two-car garage, wraparound deck, and year-round porch. Call for further information.



6 Mill Hill Road, Hanover: Located near beautiful Howard Pond and the Appalachian Trail, this custom built rancher is move-in ready. The spacious main level is perfect for year-round living or recreational purposes. This lovely home is tastefully renovated with refinished hardwood flooring, new bathroom, new kitchen, and Victorian-detailed porch and well-landscaped gardens. Only \$149,900



32 Forest Drive, Bethel: This attractive log-sided home sits on more than five acres in an established subdivision close to Bethel village and Sunday River. The spacious property has four bedrooms and a finished basement and sleeps 16 people. Sold fully furnished including a hot tub and pool table. \$395,000



28 Fairway Drive, Newry: Attractive contemporary home with spacious living on the hole 7 green of the Robert Trent Jones, Jr. championship golf course at Sunday River Golf Club. The 3760 feet of living space includes master suite, separate guest quarters and two-bay garage. Priced at \$699,000

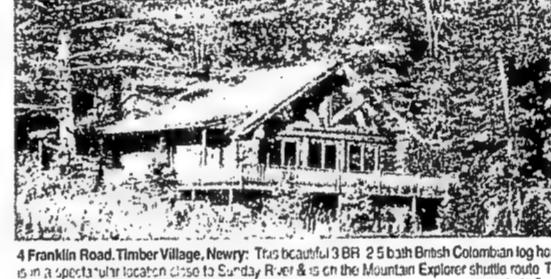


Powder Ridge Lot 92, Newry: This beautiful 1 1/3+ acre lot with scenic views is located in the exclusive Powder Ridge neighborhood just minutes from Sunday River's world class skiing and golf. This is the perfect location for your year-round primary or vacation home. \$92,000

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3 Dumont Circle, Bethel: This charming log-sided home is perfect for either year-round or vacation living. Located in a quiet neighborhood just off scenic Paradise Road, it provides the serenity of country living yet is minutes from the village. This property features a former's porch, sunroom, fireplace, two-car garage, wrap-around deck, and year-round porch. Call for further information.



4 Franklin Road, Timber Village, Newry: This beautiful 3 BR, 2.5 bath Dutch Colonial log home is in a spectacular location close to Sunday River & is on the Mountain Explorer shuttle route. This property features cathedral & 9 ft ceilings, granite counters, maple cabinetry, carpet & tile floors, wood stove, W/I 10 miles of Sunday River Ski Resort & just a few more to Bethel Village, this home is perfect for that 4-season vacation or primary home! \$479,000

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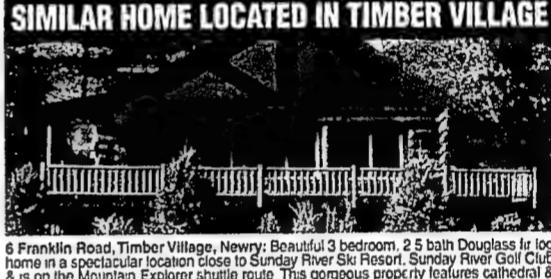


Sunday River Road - Under Construction: Beautiful architecturally-designed two-story home with four bedrooms, three baths, and a two-car garage. Features include indoor outdoor fireplace. Two master suites, radiant heat, central air, two porches, outdoor hot tub, separate laundry room, and two bay garage. Home interior professionally designed. \$749,000

UNDER CONSTRUCTION



42 Goose Eye Drive: Spacious and charming home under construction above the hole 8 tees of the world-class Sunday River Golf Course. This home is perfect for year-round or vacation living. It has 7 fairways and the Mahoosuc. Home features 3760 feet of living space with master suite, separate place, spacious mudroom with storage and a two-car garage. Priced at \$899,000



6 Franklin Road, Timber Village, Newry: Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath Douglas fir log home in a spectacular location close to Sunday River & on the Mountain Explorer shuttle route. This compass property features cathedral & 9 foot ceilings, granite counters, maple cabinetry, carpet & tile floors, 1st floor master suite, gas fireplace & finished daylight basement. This home makes for a perfect 4-season vacation home located minutes from New England's best skiing & golf! \$429,000

NEW LISTING!



6 East Bethel Road, Rumford: Charming restored 1800 home with wrap-around porch, updated kitchen, and screen porch overlooking over five acres peppered with mature trees. Large skylights look to the stars from the master bedroom. Updated electric and plumbing. This charming two-bedroom, two-bath home is centrally located and just minutes from Sunday River, Rumford and Route 23. Priced at \$269,000

PENDING!



100 McRillis Road, Bethel: Enjoy the serenity of year-round living on this acre and a half lot with panoramic views of the Mahoosuc Range. A 3 car garage, a 1 car garage, a workshop, and a covered porch complete the exterior. Inside, there is a formal dining room, a living room with a fireplace, a kitchen, and a breakfast room. The property is surrounded by mature trees and offers a peaceful environment. \$281,500

LAND



Powder Ridge Lot 96, Newry: Located in the Powder Ridge subdivision. It is a corner lot with approximately 100' frontage on the trail and 100' on the back. The property is currently undeveloped and is suitable for building a cabin and underground utilities. \$285,000

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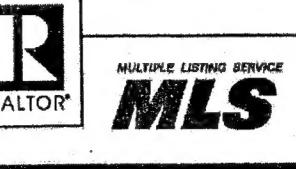
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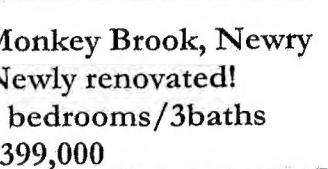
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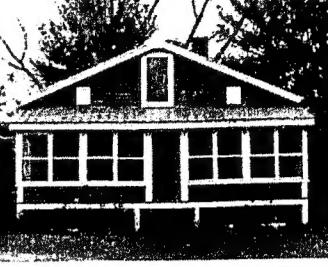
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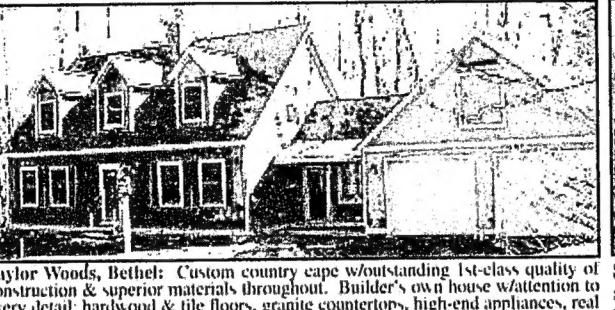
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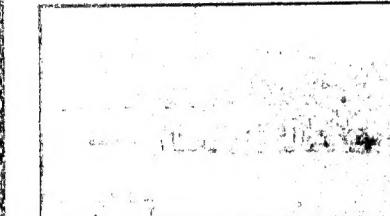
Schoolhouse Rd, Greenwood: Historic 1800's home recently renovated into a two-story, 1BR plus den, sunroom & Jr. office. Fantastic high ceilings, large sunroom, four 14' sunny bay windows, beautifully appointed & the list of nice improvements is extensive. Lakes, ponds, hiking trails & mineral mines are just a few miles away. Mt. Abram & Sunday River Resorts are only a few minutes away & Sunday's Ski & Sun mobile train out the door! Located in a nice, quiet neighborhood by hills, this well-maintained all season home is the perfect peaceful place to live. It's hard to believe it's this beautiful! \$139,900



Taylor Woods, Bethel: Custom country cape w/outstanding 1st-class quality of construction & superior materials throughout. House w/attention to every detail; hardwood & tile floors, granite countertops, high-end appliances, real stone fireplace, 6-zone radiant heat, propane backup gen-tran, all custom plumbing, mahogany deck, custom trim. Pella windows, insulated 2-car garage, oversized sunroom, walk-in closets, walk-in laundry, sunroom, basement office & exercise room, sleeping for 18+ & deeded rights to the Sunday River! See our website for a complete list of this home's amenities. \$359,900



So. Main St., Bryant Pond: Large, pretty 1.6 acre lot, 200 feet of frontage on Rte. 26 and LAKE VIEWS! With TLC and imagination, this "fixer-upper" has plenty of potential. Two stories with 4+ BR's, 1 1/2 baths and a detached garage w/picture window which offers retail or office opportunities. Nice stone wall on property & view of Lake Christopher across the street! Walk to village amenities & boat launch. \$84,900



Mt. Abram Shores Rd, Greenwood: Wonderful opportunity to own a piece of history with a great view. Back in place, back in time. This is a unique opportunity to own a piece of history. \$199,000



Crickett Ridge Rd, Norway: Sunny, large, open concept 100 yr old cape w/right for a large family, in a fantastic location on 28 acres. Gleaming hardwood floors, updated kitchen w/white cabinets, granite counter tops, new backsplash, stainless steel appliances, new lighting, new paint, new carpet, & detached 2-car garage. Enjoy the outside on the back deck overlooking the inground pool or the porch overlooking open fields & stone walls. Price ed for an immediate sale which means instant equity for you! \$259,000



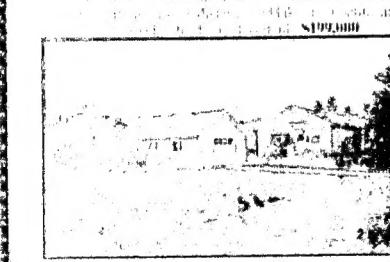
Mt. Abram Shores Rd, Greenwood: You won't believe the size in this updated and converted farmhouse and barn! Three units! The large 1BR farmhouse unit and barn have two separate entrances. Enjoy the two units, open to each other, with a wonderful, large common area in the middle, complete with game room and bar. Major renovations have changed this turn-of-the-century home & post-and-beam into the perfect investment property, all on 10 acres of the land of Mt. Abram Ski Area. Come take a tour! \$199,000



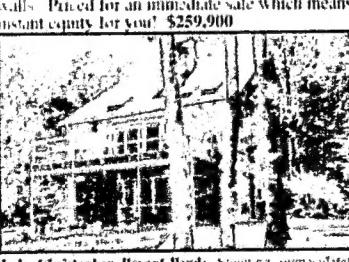
St. Arm Rd, Andover: Here's the cabin you've been waiting for! UNFINISHED & over five acres, here's the land road to Bearskin Lake! Perfect place to build your boat for fishing & perfect 3BR home for hunting, snowmobiling and all other recreational activities in this forested area. Nice pine cabin kitchen, crown molding, kitchen w/sink & tile floor. Large deck, hot tub, & deck/hot tub. Great for the outdoorsy type! \$89,900



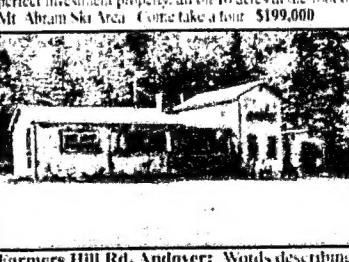
Vernon St., Bethel: Bright, sunny, sparkling new home built w/high end materials for low maintenance. Looking for a relaxing second home or primary location? This 2 bath beauty is designed for comfort & convenience, kitchen w/stone counter tops, crown molding, kitchen w/sink & tile floor. Large deck, hot tub, & deck/hot tub. Great for the outdoorsy type! \$239,000



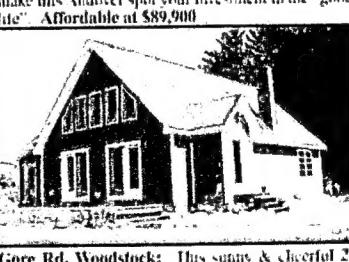
100 Summer St., Andover: This is the kind of house you'll want to live in for years to come. Spacious rooms, high ceilings, large windows, and a wrap-around deck. Open floor plan, large kitchen, formal dining room, living room, and a large sunroom. \$199,000



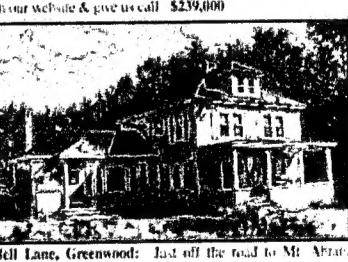
Take of Bryant Pond, Andover: Summer's immovable, unmovable gem! 100 ft. deep lot, 100 ft. wide, 100 ft. deep. Water frontage, deck, dock, boats, and the beauty of Lake Christopher right outside your back door! \$199,000



Farmers Hill Rd, Andover: Words describing this camp are: adorable, meticulously maintained, neat as a pin, homey, country kitchen, comfortable & relaxing. Well & septic on site, nice grassy back yard, concrete foundation, new windows, new doors, vinyl siding, new roof, brick hearth, wood stove, fireplace, new deck, new hot tub, & deck/hot tub. All updated w/exceptional craftsmanship. Open front door & deck with plenty of room for boats & deck furniture. Great for the outdoorsy type! \$135,000



Gore Rd, Woodstock: This sunny & cheerful 2 story home sits on a serene 11+ acre setting with woods, fields, views & a bubbling brook. 3BR's, 2 full baths, cathedral ceiling, kitchen w/stone counter tops, crown molding, kitchen w/sink & tile floor, large deck, hot tub, & deck/hot tub. Large deck, hot tub, & deck/hot tub. Great for the outdoorsy type! \$299,000



Hill Lane, Woodstock: Just off the road to Mt. Abram, this 1948 single colonial with two large porches is perfect for a great summer home or vacation rental. Large deck, hot tub, & deck/hot tub. Great for the outdoorsy type! \$245,000



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Comtryside Acre, Bethel: The gleaming, solid subdivision is tucked away for a wonderful, quiet life. Great for walking dogs, golfing, & mountain biking. \$199,000



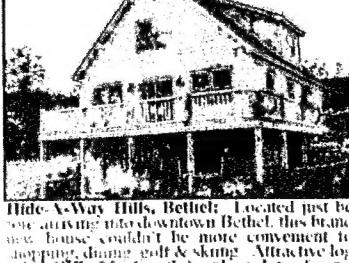
Mt. Abram Shores Rd, Greenwood: This is the true life in the mountains! View of the lake & mountains, great for walking dogs, golfing, & mountain biking. \$199,000



Irish Neighborhood, Off Vernon St.: You're in the heart of the action with this house when you drive through the doors! 4 BR, 3 full baths, 2 full baths, cathedral ceiling, kitchen w/stone counter tops, crown molding, kitchen w/sink & tile floor, large deck, hot tub, & deck/hot tub. Great for the outdoorsy type! \$229,900



Hife X-Way Hills, Bethel: Located just beyond the entrance to Mt. Abram's West side, this is a great place to live. The location is more convenient for non-powder days & skiing. Attractive log-style 3BR, both w/brick fireplaces, lots of sunlight, views to the west, all the way to Mt. Abram & beyond. Only minutes from Sunday River & Gorham Reservoir. It's the perfect place to live & work! \$259,000



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Vernon St., Bethel: Sparkling new log-sided home with wrap-around porch & porch in a location that can't be beat! Just two short miles from downtown Bethel, this 3BR, 2 bath home is just being completed. Hardwood & tiled floors, stone fireplace for gathering "apres ski", sunny open floor plan and much more. Sunday River is only eight miles away! Come take a look at this one. \$209,900



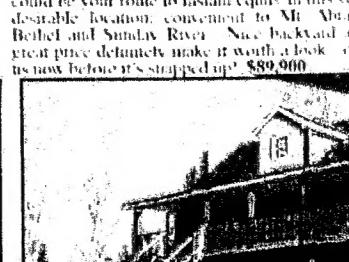
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Off Rte. 26, Bryant Pond: Conveniently located on a nice, large 2 1/2 acre wooded lot w/stone walls, this log-sided new construction boasts lots of elbow room for a town. Large deck, stone wainscoting, kitchen w/stone counter tops, crown molding, kitchen w/sink & tile floor, maple cabinets, tile floors w/radiant heat, beautiful hardwood in LR, DR & Master BR. 2 1/2 baths, full length covered porch, master BR deck, walk-in closet, large 2 car garage & the list goes on. Even direct access to snowmobile trails & mt'n views from the upper floor! Final touches are being done now w/completion soon, so call us for a grand tour. \$249,000



Birch Woods, Bethel: Beautiful from the road & even more so when you're inside! New log-sided home w/stone walls, deck, hot tub, & deck/hot tub. All on a level lot, all overlooking the Sunday River. Great for the outdoorsy type! \$289,900

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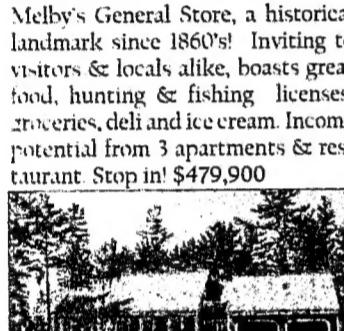
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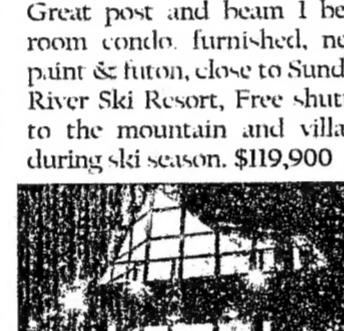
HISTORICAL LANDMARK

Melby's General Store, a historical landmark since 1860's! Inviting to visitors & locals alike, boasts great food, hunting & fishing licenses, groceries, deli and ice cream. Income potential from 3 apartments & restaurant. Stop in! \$479,900



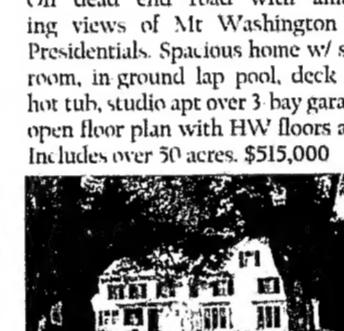
POTENTIAL ABOUNDS

Renovations your forte? This home boasts 6 BR, new foundation, work in progress in kitchen area. LR and DR spacious, 3 large BR's, 3 smaller BR's. Large attached barn for the antique enthusiast or gentleman farmer. \$159,900



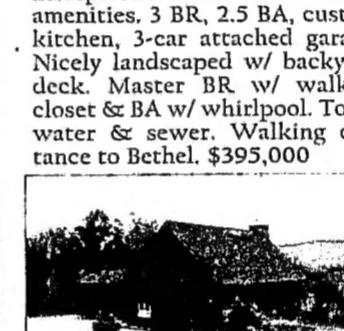
RIVERBEND CONDO

Great post and beam 1 bedroom condo, furnished, new paint & futon, close to Sunday River Ski Resort, Free shuttle to the mountain and village during ski season. \$119,900



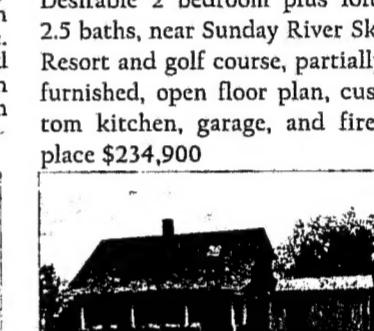
PRIVACY, VIEWS, SPACIOUSNESS

On dead end road with amazing views of Mt Washington & Presidents. Spacious home w/ sun room, in ground lap pool, deck w/ hot tub, studio apt over 3 bay garage, open floor plan with HW floors and includes over 50 acres. \$515,000



PARADISE COLONIAL

Exceptional home with many amenities, 3 BR, 2.5 BA, custom kitchen, 3-car attached garage. Nicely landscaped w/ backyard deck. Master BR w/ walk-in closet & BA w/ whirlpool. Town water & sewer. Walking distance to Bethel. \$395,000



BARKER BROOK CONDO

Desirable 2 bedroom plus loft, 2.5 baths, near Sunday River Ski Resort and golf course, partially furnished, open floor plan, custom kitchen, garage, and fireplace \$234,900



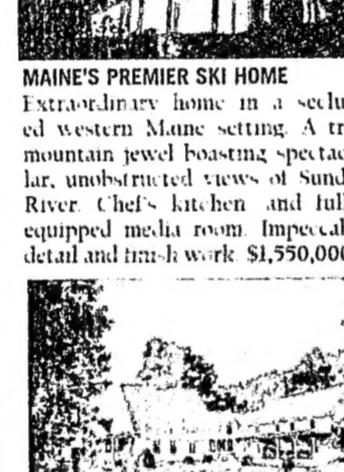
WELL APPOINTED CAPE

Beautifully appointed 3 BR cape conveniently located minutes from Bethel Village, skiing and golfing. Fabulously decorated w/ meticulous landscaping and spectacular western views. Perfect year round or weekend retreat. \$379,900



BEAUTIFUL POWDER RIDGE HOME

11 room home located at Powder Ridge. 3 story custom built home boasts a stone fireplace, 5 bedrooms, 5 bath, cherry cabinets, granite counter tops, decorative appliances. Finished basement, unbelievable views 10 minutes from Sunday River. \$769,000



MAINE'S PREMIER SKI HOME

Extraordinary home in a secluded western Maine setting. A true mountain jewel boasting spectacular, unobstructed views of Sunday River. Chef's kitchen and fully equipped media room. Impeccable detail and finish work. \$1,550,000



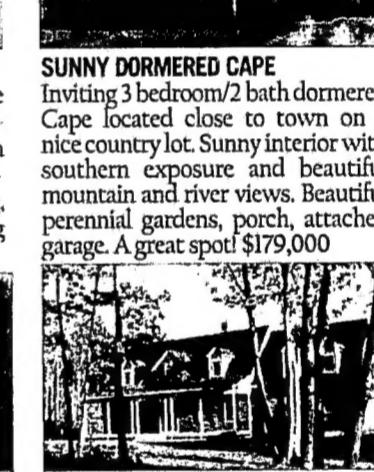
HISTORICAL 18TH CENTURY HOME

18th Century center chimney cape w/ easy access to Sunday River. Many recent improvements, 5 fireplaces, beautiful hardwood floors, spacious attached carriage house and restored barn with cupola. Unlimited possibilities and potential! \$429,000



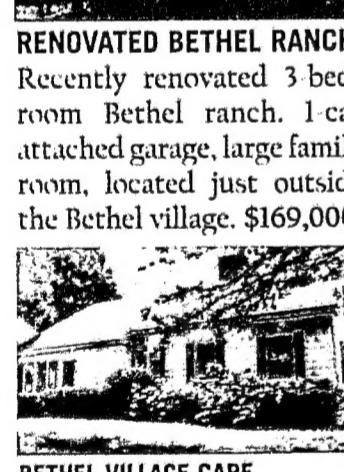
AWESOME NEWLY BUILT HOME

Awesome newly constructed home with beautiful mountain views located at Powder Ridge. Post and beam interior with stone fireplace, 9' ceilings, clear western red cedar siding, granite countertops, wood flooring and more! \$499,000



SUNNY DORMERED CAPE

Inviting 3 bedroom/2 bath dormered Cape located close to town on a nice country lot. Sunny interior with southern exposure and beautiful mountain and river views. Beautiful perennial gardens, porch, attached garage. A great spot! \$179,000



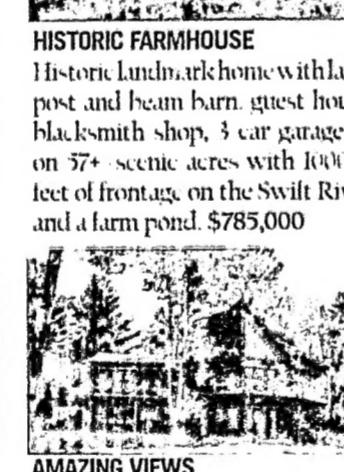
RENOVATED BETHEL RANCH

Recently renovated 3 bedroom Bethel ranch. 1 car attached garage, large family room, located just outside the Bethel village. \$169,000



ARCHITECTURALLY DESIGNED HOME

Architecturally designed 3 bedroom home with beautiful mountain views. Open concept floor plan with lots of glass, 2 fireplaces, spacious deck. Hip roof design, 2 car detached garage. \$499,000



HISTORIC FARMHOUSE

Historic Lincoln log home with large post and beam barn, guest house, blacksmith shop, 3 car garage all on 37+ scenic acres with 1000+ feet of frontage on the Swift River, and a farm pond. \$785,000



EXCEPTIONAL WATERFRONT HOME

Exceptional waterfront home on 2.6 acres. Open floor plan with center fireplace and hardwood floors. Only 2.8 miles to access road to Sunday River Ski Resort and Gondola. Great kayaking, canoeing, fishing just outside your door. \$350,000



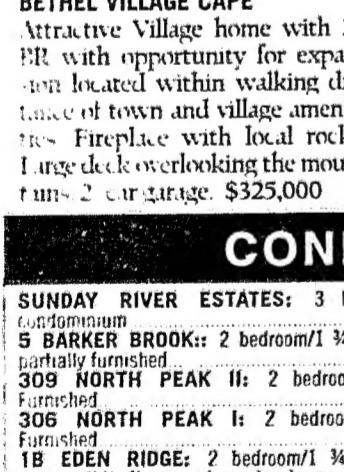
WALKING DISTANCE TO BETHEL

Great primary or secondary home, spacious, walk to town, nice screened porch, hardwood floors, garage, and heated out-building, rental history available. \$249,900



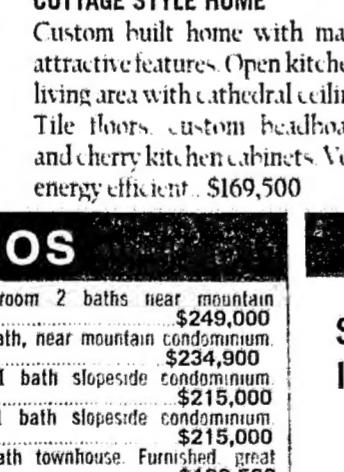
WONDERFUL FARMHOUSE STYLE

Nearly new maintenance free home in a quiet subdivision close to town and all season activities. Two farmer's porches, bamboo flooring, brick fireplace, built ins, 9' ceilings, tile, spacious family room, 2 garage. A must see. \$539,000



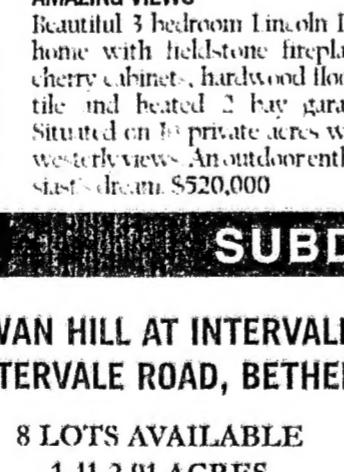
BETHEL VILLAGE CAPE

Attractive Village home with 2+ BR with opportunity for expansion located within walking distance of town and village amenities. Fireplace with local rocks. Large deck overlooking the mountains. 2 car garage. \$325,000



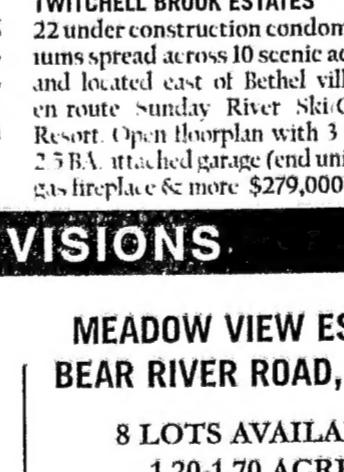
COTTAGE STYLE HOME

Custom built home with many attractive features. Open kitchen living area with cathedral ceiling. Tile floors, custom headboard and cherry kitchen cabinets. Very energy efficient. \$169,500



AMAZING VIEWS

Beautiful 3 bedroom Lincoln Log home with field-stone fireplace, cherry cabinets, hardwood floors, tile and heated 2 bay garage situated on 10 private acres with wonderful views. An outdoorenthusiast's dream! \$520,000



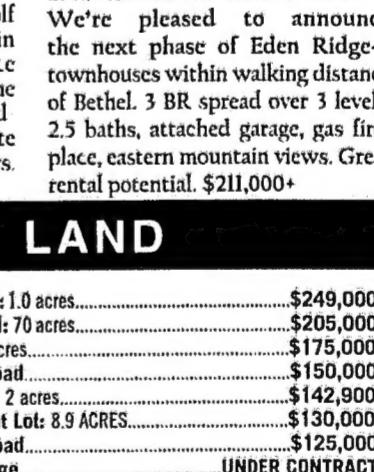
READY EARLY 2007!

22 under construction condominiums spread across 10 scenic acres and located east of Bethel village en route Sunday River Ski Golf Resort. Open floorplan with 3 BR, 2.5 BA, attached garage (end units), gas fireplace and more! \$279,000+



NEW LISTING!

Walk to schools, parks and golf course! 6 renovated units located in downtown Bethel walking distance to all village amenities including the Mountain Explorer. Unique 1 3 bed room units. Porches, decks, granite countertops, wood and tile floors. Starting at \$129,000



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We're pleased to announce the next phase of Eden Ridge-6 townhouses within walking distance of Bethel. 3 BR spread over 3 levels, 2.5 baths, attached garage, gas fireplace, eastern mountain views. Great rental potential. \$211,000+

CONDOS

SUNDAY RIVER ESTATES: 3 bedroom 2 baths near mountain condominium	\$249,000
5 BARKER BROOK: 2 bedroom/1 1/2 bath, near mountain condominium, partially furnished	\$234,900
309 NORTH PEAK II: 2 bedroom/1 bath slopeside condominium	\$215,000
306 NORTH PEAK I: 2 bedroom/1 bath slopeside condominium	\$215,000
1B EDEN RIDGE: 2 bedroom/1 1/2 bath townhouse. Furnished, great views, 4th floor, close to town.	\$189,500
JORDAN GRAND 317-323D: 1/4 share, sleeps 10, 2 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, fully furnished, unit.	\$159,000
Q-05 SUNRISE: 1 bedroom/1 bath slopeside condominium. Fully furnished.	\$139,500
BROOKSIDE II: 1 bedroom/1 bath slopeside condominium. Great views, furnished.	\$139,000
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#9 PLEASANT RIVER: 2 bedroom/1 bath West Bethel condominium, furnished.	\$138,000
#5 PLEASANT RIVER: 2 bedroom/1 bath West Bethel condominium, furnished.	\$128,000
RIVERBEND: 1 bedroom/1 bath condominium, furnished, close to Sunday River, on shuttle route	UNDER CONTRACT
CASCADES: Studio unit/1 bath slopeside condominium. Great views, fully furnished.	UNDER CONTRACT
GRAND SUMMIT: 1 bedroom slopeside 1/4 share condominium	SOLD
GRAND SUMMIT: Studio slopeside 1/4 share condominium. Fully furnished, RCI affiliated.	\$13,900

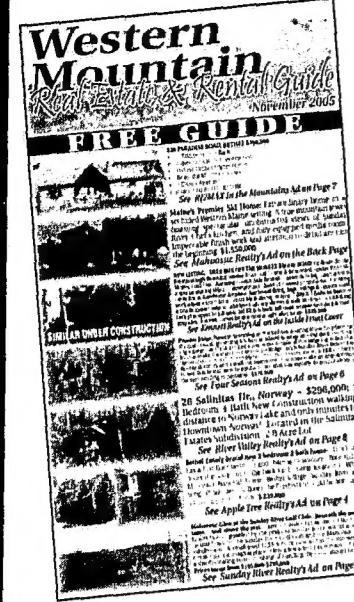
SUBDIVISIONS

SWAN HILL AT INTERVALE INTERVALE ROAD, BETHEL	8 LOTS AVAILABLE 1.41-2.91 ACRES \$65,900-\$89,900
RIVER GLEN INTERVALE ROAD, BETHEL	ONLY 6 LOTS AVAILABLE 2.25-5.5 ACRES \$47,900-\$89,900

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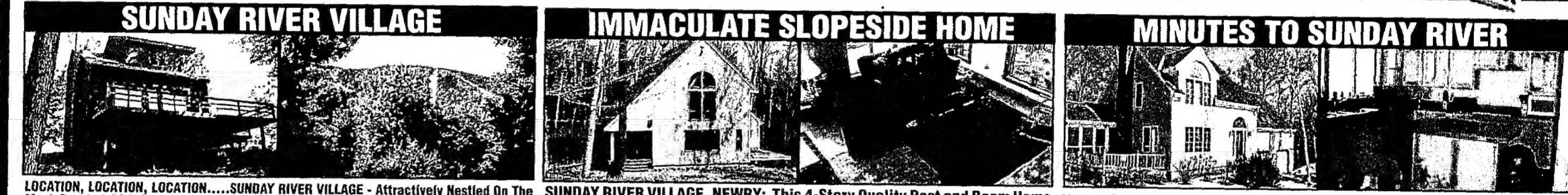


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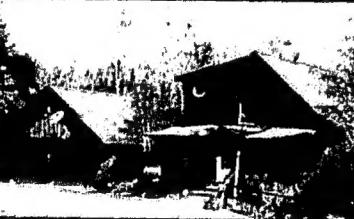
SUNDAY RIVER VILLAGE

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION....SUNDAY RIVER VILLAGE - Attractively Nested On The Most Coveted Of Ski-In, Ski-Out Locales, the superb "Greenbriar" location of this Immaculate Chalet simply can not be beat! Customly constructed & lovingly maintained by owners to date, the choice parcel upon which this home is presented in a rare & sought after community offering excellent access to Ridge Run Trail, fabulous Sunday River mountain & trail views, and the most expansive & unobstructed views of the resort. This home is situated on a 1 1/4 acre parcel with a year round well-advised subdivision due to town maintained roads, free of association and maintenance fees. The impressive open concept floor plan easily accommodates the largest of clans offering a Great Room w/Kitchen warmed by attractive tongue & groove pine walls shiny hardwood floors. Plus 4 Bedrms, A Low Level Family Room, multiple Baths & wonderful exterior wraparound deck. The Move In Condition & Outstanding Location Make This Offering One In A Million!!!! \$799,000

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MOUNTAIN BROOK ESTATES

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Map showing property boundaries.

LOT 1: .96/- Acres \$39,900

LOT 2: w/House .95+/- Acres \$289,900

LOT 3: 1.14+/- Acres PENDING

LOT 4: 1.44+/- Acres \$55,900

LOT 5: 2.10+/- Acres \$59,000

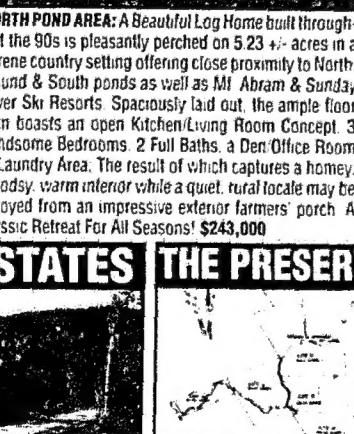
LOT 7: 2.17+/- Acres SOLD

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NEW CONSTRUCTION



BETHEL: Currently Under Construction is This Charming 3 Bedroom Ranch Home. Situated on a quiet lot within minutes of Mt. Abram & Sunday River Ski Resorts. Spacious layout. The ample floor plan boasts an open Kitchen/Living Room Concept, 3 handsome Bedrooms, 2 Full Baths, a Den Office Room & Laundry Area. The result of which captures a homey, woodsy, warm interior while a quiet, rural locale may be enjoyed from an impressive exterior farmers porch. A Classic Retreat For All Seasons! \$249,000

LOT A: .52 Acres \$399,000

LOT 1: 1.38 Acres \$529,000

LOT 2: 1.01 Acres \$499,000

LOT 3: 1.01 Acres \$499,000

LOT 4: 1.02 Acres \$495,000

BIG ISLAND SHORES WATERFRONT - \$999,000

MERRILL BROOK III-C SKI-IN/SKI-OUT - \$164,900

NEARBY SUNDAY RIVER - WILL VIEW - \$249,900

LAKE CHRISTOPHER - GREAT VIEWS - \$295,000

MT. BROOK ESTATES

PENDING

BEAR RIVER - NEW CONSTRUCTION - \$389,000

FLAT ROAD AREA - BEAUTIFUL - \$359,000

PARADISE PINES - NEW CHALET - \$329,900

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FALL LINE



NORTH POND WATERFRONT

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NEARBY SUNDAY RIVER

VIEWS VIEWS VIEWS!

GREENWOOD: What An Idyllic Setting To Call Home! Picture This... An open, rolling, west-facing exposed porch hosting beautiful mt views from within a serene and very private residence. Enjoy these glorious views from this sprawling New Englander featuring a spacious LR w/ pine walls, cozy woodstove & pretty picture windows, perfectly framing nature's art. 3 BRs, 2 Baths inclusive of a Master Suite, Laundry Room & Mudroom/Ski Locker Area. Complete This Perfect Package!! \$359,900

NORTH POND WATERFRONT

WILL VIEW OFF THE SUNDAY RIVER ROAD: This Jewel of a Home is notably perched on one of the most distinctive & scenic parcels in this beautiful new development. Located just off Route 202, the meticulous condition of this log-sided contemporary is remarkable. A darling exterior boasts an ample wraparound deck, glass doors and a symmetrically tiered treatment of circular windows. The result of which illustrates a truly unique architectural design. The spacious interior includes a great room, kitchen, dining room, sunroom, mudroom, laundry room, and a large deck. The exterior is a true masterpiece of craftsmanship and attention to detail. The interior is a blend of rustic and modern elements, creating a warm and inviting atmosphere. The kitchen features granite countertops, stainless steel appliances, and a large island. The great room has a gas fireplace and a wall of windows overlooking the deck. The sunroom is perfect for a quiet afternoon or a family gathering. 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Obituaries

AUDREY ANNE DUNHAM

Audrey Anne Lafoy Dunham, 73, passed away Monday, Nov. 20, 2006 at home, after a long illness.

She was born Nov. 22, 1932, in Albany, the loving daughter of Clarence and Arline Lafoy, nee Littlehale.

She is survived by three children, Stephen and Karen of South Paris and Thomas (Patricia) of Hinsdale, Ill.

A memorial service at the Woodstock Seventh-day Adventist Church celebrating her life will be held at a later time and date to be announced.


LEMPI YATES HEATH

Lempi Yates Heath, 85, of South Paris left this world in the arms of her Savior on Nov. 29, 2006 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway. She suffered a fall on Nov. 4 and entered the Maine Veterans'

Home on High Street, South Paris. She enjoyed activities there, especially the Sunday church services. She was a member of the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Greenwood Historical Society.

Lempi was born in Harrison on April 6, 1921, the first child of John and Hilda Kangas Leino. At the age of 17 she married Glenn Yates and moved to Greenwood where she raised her three children. Glenn passed away in 1964. In September of 1968 she married Cecil Heath. They continued to live at the farm in Greenwood until 2001 when they moved to Buck Hill Apartments on High Street. Cecil passed away shortly after they moved but Lempi continued to live there. She enjoyed company, doing her sewing projects and in the past year wrote a book entitled, "Memories of Lower Greenwood."

Family and friends were proud of her accomplishments. She enjoyed talking about it and adding to it, as she remembered other events.

People also enjoyed the beautiful pillows she made for family and friends.

She is survived by brothers, Bruno and wife Ruth, Henry and wife Miriam, Harold and wife Helen and Walter; sisters, Lila Butterfield and husband Leslie, Eila Maakey and husband John, and Martha Leino; son-in-law, David Garthe and wife Violet; daughter-in-law, Louise Yates; grandchildren, Douglas Garthe and wife Ramona, Daniel Garthe and wife Stacy Milazzo, Marcia Yates Huston and husband Shawn, Jeffrey Yates and wife Joanne; stepdaughter-in-law, Linda Davis and husband Bill; several great-grandchildren and step great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents; her husbands; daughters, Irene Yates and Nancy Garthe; sons, John and Robert Yates; son-in-law, Roland Heath; sister Helmi Leino; and five brothers, Arne, Matti, Lauri, Arthur and Eugene Leino.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, Dec. 2 at Weston-Chandler Funeral Home, 45 Main Street, South Paris with interment following at Norway Pine Grove Cemetery in South Paris. Remembrance donations can be made to the Maine Veterans' Home, Activity Fund, 477 High Street, South Paris, ME 04281 or the American Cancer Society, 1 Main Street, Suite 300, Topsham, ME 04086. Online condolences may be shared with her family at www.weston-chandler.com.

DORIS M. OUELLETTE

Doris M. (Gagnon) Ouellette, 90, of Bethel, formerly of Norton, Mass., died on Thursday, Nov. 30, 2006 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway. She was the beloved wife of the late Robert H. Ouellette, who died on June 6, 1989.

She was born in Lowell, Mass., April 2, 1916, a loving daughter of the late Peter J. and Rose D. (Cyr) Gagnon. She was educated in Haverhill, Mass., schools and was a graduate of Haverhill High School. She served her family as a loving homemaker.

She was a communicant of Our Lady of the Snows Church in Bethel and was a former longtime communicant of St. Mary's Church in Norton, where she was also a member of the Catholic Women's Club. She was a member of the Seniors Coalition in Bethel.

She enjoyed crocheting and craft making. She had lived in Bethel for the past 10 years and was formerly of Norton for 49 years.

She is survived by her devoted son, David P. Ouellette and his wife Pauline of Bethel; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by three sisters, Bernice Gagnon, Rose Blanche Smith and her twin sister, Dorothy M. Gagnon.

Her funeral was held on Monday, Dec. 4, at the Norton Memorial Funeral Home, 19 Clapp Street (off Route 140, Taunton Avenue), Norton, Mass., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial celebrated

at St. Mary's Church, South Worcester Street, Norton, Mass. Burial followed at Timothy Plain Cemetery, Norton. For additional information, please visit www.nortonmemorial.com.

MARION GLADYS DEXTER

Marion Gladys Dexter, 81, of West Paris, died Saturday, Dec. 2, 2006 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway, with her family by her side.

She was born in South Paris on Dec. 5, 1924, the daughter of the late Irwin W. and Lila G. (Proctor) Ellingwood and was educated in West Paris schools.

Marion worked for many years as a CNA, loved to hunt and play cards (she cheated), and the love of her life was her children.

She is survived by two sons, Michael Wayne Dexter of Solon and Wilbert E. "Pete" Dexter of Grafton, Va.; six daughters, Nancy Trudeau and Paula Huff, both of Lexington, Rispa Huff and Jo-Ann Jack, both of Strong, Pearl Baiko of Warrensville, N.C., and Judith Rowe of Lisbon Falls; one brother, David Ellingwood of Eustis; one sister, Frances Hamey of West Paris; 18 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her parents; and two sons, Rodney P. Dexter and Bernard Dexter Jr.

Graveside services will be held at the Wayside Cemetery, West Paris, on Thursday, Dec. 7, at 1 p.m. Memorials in her memory are requested to the North Paris Church.

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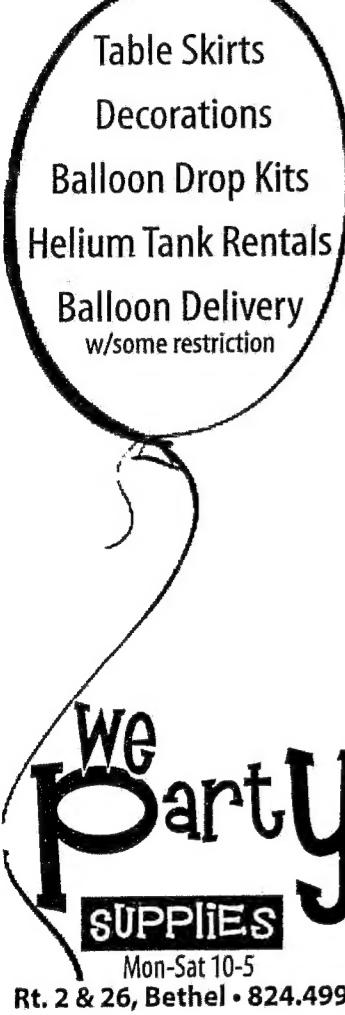
Card of Thanks

I wish I could personally thank all of you for the lovely cards, and the funny ones too, that made me laugh right out loud, but that's not possible at this time. Your visits were a pleasant surprise also!

I'm enjoying my beautiful plants and flowers. I'm home now so I can take care of them myself. I'm trying hard to obey the doctor's orders and use my walker all the time.

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Miss Sue



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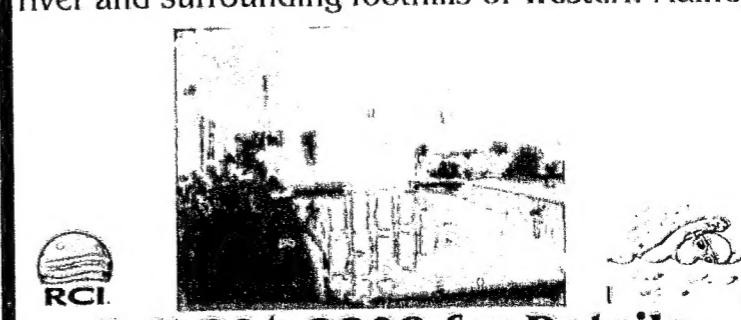
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